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# The Editor's Page

## Last Call for Fulton

By the time another issue of THE SILENT WORKER comes out, representatives of state associations of the deaf will be about ready to start for Fulton, Missouri, and the conference on reorganization of the N.A.D.

At this time representatives from a number of state associations have been signed up. Unfortunately, a few associations have notified the N.A.D. that they will be unable to send representatives. Still a few others have never replied to letters about the meeting. To those who have not replied, this is notice that the deadline for naming representatives is May 20 and state associations not heard from by that time will be considered as having no representatives.

It should be noted that the conference is for representatives of state associations, affiliated organizations, and officials of the N.A.D., including the members of the N.A.D., reorganization committee. Participation in the deliberations will be restricted to these official members of the conference. Other persons may be interested in attending the meetings, and they are of course welcome, but those who are not officially listed among the officers and delegates must make their own arrangements for meals and lodging in Fulton.

The meetings will be held at the Missouri School for the Deaf, and rooms and meals will be provided at the school for the official members of the conference.

The conference opens at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 12, and all delegates are expected to be present at that time.

## Captioned Films

For several years Dr. Edmund B. Boatner, Superintendent of the American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Conn., has been working on a project to put captions on moving picture films, to make them understandable to the deaf. Anyone acquainted with the deaf knows how the advent of sound films some thirty years ago rendered movies practically useless to the deaf as a source of recreation or education. In the days of the old silent films, the movies were our leading entertainment medium. There were few educational films in those days, but now films are widely used in the educational field, and most of them are of little value to the deaf because all are sound films.

Dr. Boatner's project has progressed to the stage where 17 captioned films

are now available and the project has been incorporated as "Captioned Films for the Deaf." It has been officially endorsed by the organizations of educators of the deaf and the National Association of the Deaf.

An effort is now being made to have the Library of Congress install and make available to the deaf and the hard of hearing a collection of captioned films and Senator William A. Purtell of Connecticut has introduced a bill in the Senate calling for an appropriation of \$250,000 to provide the films with captions. It has been introduced in the House by Representative Albert P. Morano. The project will be similar to that which provides "talking books" for the blind in Braille, which was authorized by Congress several years ago.

The deaf of the nation should—and no doubt will—give this project their united support. They can help now by writing to their congressmen asking them to support the bill, S. 3558. All who are interested should write now.

## A Deaf Artist

The picture on the cover this month shows Mrs. Mary Gertrude Heinrichs of Golden, Colorado, and part of an exhibit of paintings of scenes she visited during some 35 years of travel throughout the world.

Mrs. Heinrichs, daughter of a former lieutenant governor of Colorado, took up painting upon the urging of her father. She studied several years in Denver art schools and was then married to Walter E. Heinrichs, a mining engineer, whose work took them to mining towns in many parts of the world. Wherever they went, Mrs. Heinrichs sketched and painted, and she says she has enough sketches from Africa and the Philippines to keep her busy for 20 years. Mr. Heinrichs died while they were living in Northern Rhodesia and Mrs. Heinrichs returned to her former home in Golden.

## The SW is Quoted

In an editorial on this page in the March number we remarked on how the communication problem had become a world problem, and we quoted at some length from a magazine from Australia which expressed the same views authorities in America have expressed on numerous occasions.

It has been pointed out to us that the Australians expressed the identical views which had been published in THE SILENT WORKER for June-July, 1955. The comments we lifted from the

Australian magazine had been lifted by that magazine, word for word, from our Silent Printer's column, and the original writer was our own Ray Stallo. The Australian editor was guilty of an oversight of which American editors also are sometimes guilty. He forgot the credit line.

The fact that the Australians copied Bro. Stallo's remarks at least indicates that they are in agreement and we presume Bro. Stallo will reward them with a look of his elegant beard.

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# A DEAF CIVIL ENGINEER

By Winfield S. Runde

"Our whitest pearl we never find;  
Our ripest fruit we never reach;  
The flowering moments of the mind  
Drop half their pearls in our speech."

INTRODUCING TO THE SILENT WORKER readers the terse story of John Houston Clark, Civil Engineer, who although stone deaf, possessing a positive attitude, by sheer perseverance and ability, attained prominence in a most exacting and difficult profession—a profession long supposed to be beyond attainment of one lacking the all important hearing sense.

The subject of this brief sketch was born in the small town of Panguitch, Utah, May 17, 1880. After attending public school for some four or five years, at the age of ten, he was stricken with spinal meningitis which left him stone deaf. In a state of coma for several days, his life hung in the balance. Upon recovery he was sent to the Utah State School for the Deaf at Ogden. There he excelled in all studies through the grades. His teachers, sensing his inherent abilities, encouraged him to prepare for the Federal College for the Deaf, known as Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. In due time he passed all eight required written examinations and entered the preparatory class of the college in the fall of 1897.

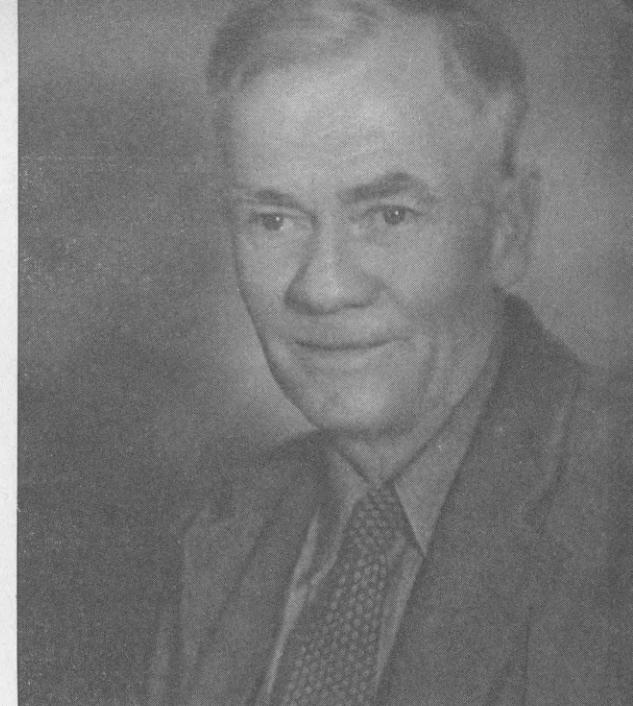
It was not long before he displayed unusual brilliance in all of his assigned cultural studies, especially in higher mathematics and English. In mathematics he studied advanced Algebra, Solid Geometry, Trigonometry, Mechanics and (special) Calculus. This led to his interest in field surveying which he practiced under the tutelage of Professor Percival Hall, Harvard graduate, and son of an eminent astronomer.

At college, being of small stature, he

shunned participation in sports, except tennis and regular gymnasium routine. His proficiency in English led to his writing stories and numerous articles for the student magazine, the *Buff and Blue*. In his senior year he was elected editor. Although of a deep, studious nature, he possessed a healthy sense of humor and readily entered into student frivolities. As a member of the Literary Society he was a brilliant debater. In his Junior year he was selected by his class to deliver the response to the Senior farewell address, which was given by the writer, to the massed student body. He was a clear, eloquent and forceful speaker.

In June, 1902, he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Leaving the campus, he returned to Utah where he took up further studies in Civil Engineering and field surveying. His skill in various aspects of the profession came to the attention of state, city, and town officials with the result that he was awarded contracts in Southern Utah towns and nearby states. For these he surveyed and supervised water systems, hydro-electric plants, bridges and highways. His consummate skill and knowledge of the difficult terrain and geologic formation of the different areas brought him local fame and commendation of officials. Apparently his lack of hearing in the normal pursuit of his calling was no obstacle. He always was at ease and tackled all situations—overcame them with little trouble.

Living as he did in the fastness of forests, infinite stretches of the deserts and mountains, he built up a rugged constitution, and it was said that "he could out-work and out-walk much younger men in his company," even though he was past the Biblical three score and ten. Because of his sunny na-



JOHN H. CLARK

ture coupled with his ready wit he made friends among his numerous contacts, who marvelled at the ease in which he moved among them. Gifted with a spirit of daring and sublime faith, he tackled life's many problems. Naturally he met with obstacles at every turn but he did not flinch and overcame them—using disappointments as stepping stones to the aims that stirred, with strong urgency, in his stout heart.

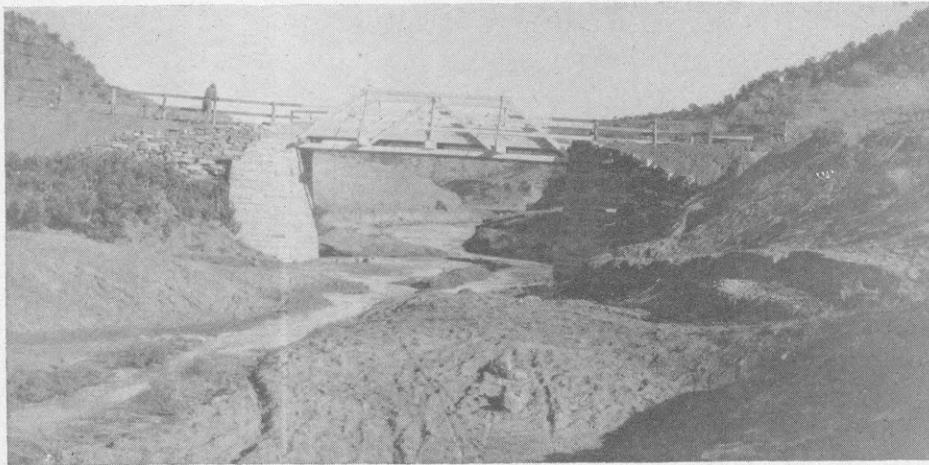
It is interesting to note that his career began in 1904 in the Forest Service of Utah. In Arizona he did surveying in the Grand Canyon and Kaibab Forest, being supervisor of the project later. During 1907 while on location he surveyed the Snake River of Idaho. In this capacity he was said to have apparently been the first white man to traverse primitive areas of what is called Hell's Canyon. For a time his party was not heard from and it was feared that all might have perished or were hopelessly lost. However, all turned out well and he was subsequently cited for his great interest in conservation of natural resources by President Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1911 he decided that a change in his activities to private civil engineering and contracting would keep him closer to his family. So he operated around his home town for some years. In June, 1924, Gallaudet College recognized his achievements and conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Science. He never actually retired. Even almost up to the day of his demise he was at work sketching and figuring at his beloved board.

His eventful and useful life ended May 1, 1955, leaving to mourn his passing his faithful wife Blanch Langford, two sons, John H. Jr., Thomas Cecil, a



Scene of one of Clark's roadbuilding projects in the Utah mountains.



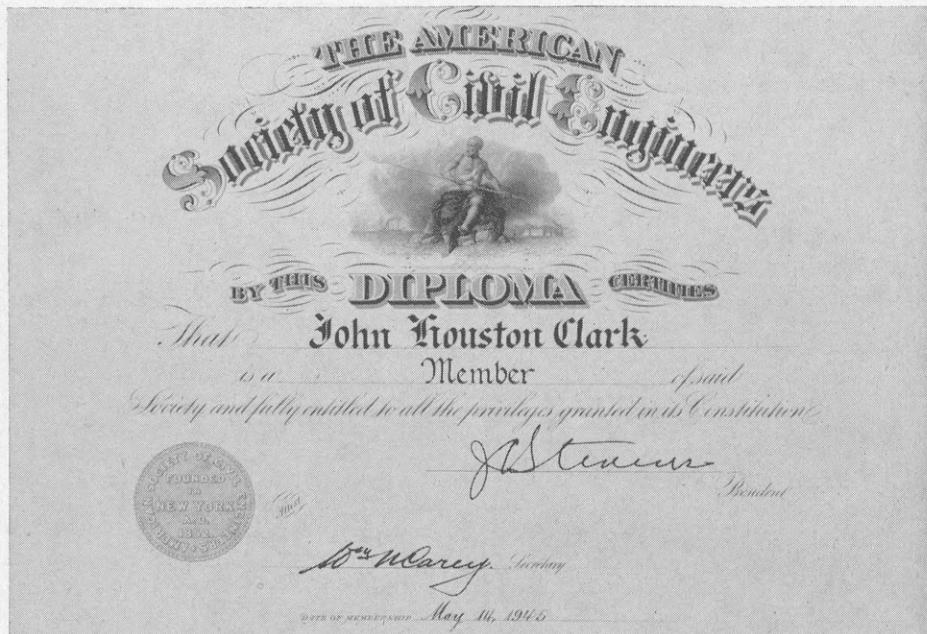
Bridge across a Utah stream on road built by John H. Clark, Civil Engineer.

daughter Virginia, foster daughter Rosemond Henrie, five grandchildren, a sister, Fern, and three brothers, Dr. Elden D., Joseph C., and Dr. Stanley M. Clark.

The following is a list of some of his many activities: United States Forest Service, doing surveys in Hell's Canyon of the Snake River, projects in New Mexico, Idaho, Washington, Montana and Utah, supervisor of Kaibab National Forest and game preserve, State Road Commission of Utah, building Black Canyon Road in Garfield County, road survey from Panguitch, Utah, to Circleville Canyon, Pine Creek Reservoir Dam, Oil exploration Bull Rush Dome, planned and supervised Panguitch water distribution system for towns of Escalante, Kanab, Glendale and Orderville, Utah, and Fredonia, Arizona, water systems. Other projects were in Colorado and New Mexico — road and bridge construction, storage and flow line for water works, pipe lines in the mountains, etc.

He was a member of the Utah Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of American Military Engineers, Licensed to practise, state of Utah, as Profes-

sional Engineer and Land Surveyor. State of New Mexico State Board regis-



Clark's diploma, American Society of Civil Engineers.

tration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

The Clarks' home, picture taken in 1952.



Gone is our good friend. One knowing him long feels a personal loss. His calling, which led him deep into the forest and lonely arid regions, brought him into close contact with wild life — animals, birds, trees, flowers. Thus his nature was in attune with all that he observed, sensed, and studied. His was a personality that radiated charming cheerfulness, tolerance, and friendliness. Such marked him truly the personification of a good Christian soul.

John Houston Clark was a luminous exponent of the potent capabilities of what may be accomplished by the deaf, in spite of prevailing prejudices that tend to obstruct their fulfillment of natural talents. His philosophy of life is his legacy to the handicapped — productive work for the good of mankind, inspiration, initiative, courage to ex-

cel, the will to be a credit to the way of American life which vouchsafes to one and all freedom to develop and pursue individual natural endowment of talents.

In his last hours of consciousness, his thoughts may well have been as so beautifully expressed in the lines of Charles Edwin Butterfield in the *Oakland (California) Tribune*:

*Long days of torture on the grinding wheel  
Might seem to tear the diamond apart:  
But all its agonies at last reveal  
The dazzling splendor flashing from its heart.  
  
The flower-spirit, stifled in the ground,  
With longing, aching for the air and light,  
Escapes the bulb in which it has been bound,  
To flaunt a gorgeous blaze of gold and white.  
  
The butterfly, in pupa prison, clings  
To dreams of sky, and blooms, and beauty rare:  
Its prison opens, and frail gauzy wings  
Of rainbow hue go floating on the air.  
So, too, shall I escape this mortal frame  
To soar among the stars on wings of flame.*

## Observations of an English Visitor

During the fall of 1955 R. Stavers Oloman, of England, spent five weeks visiting among the deaf in the Eastern United States, accompanied on some of his trips by the Rev. Steve L. Mathis, whose acquaintance he had made while the latter was studying in England.

Mr. Oloman has just written a lengthy report on his observations which was published in the January-February issue of *The British Deaf News*.

Because his report will be of interest to the deaf in America, and especially to those whom he met here, excerpts follow, beginning with his arrival in Baltimore:

Baltimore is a very important city and port and there were many interesting things to see.

For the next five weeks I saw a great deal of the eastern States of America and was able to visit Churches and Chapels, Schools and Clubs, and to see many of the deaf in their own homes and at their places of employment. Most of my travelling was done by car, a little by train and bus—and altogether in America I covered nearly 4,000 miles.

I was able to attend services for the deaf on Sundays, and on other days in some places, and at some of them I was privileged to take part and to give addresses although I could only use the American sign and manual language rather slowly. Sometimes I had an interpreter and we were able to get on much quicker. In America many of the different Churches and Chapels have specially appointed Chaplains and Lay-Workers to take services for the deaf—often in Churches and Chapels owned by the deaf themselves and in places of worship loaned to the deaf for that purpose. The Protestant Episcopal Church (which is similar to our own Church of England) does quite a lot of this work, while other religious work is carried on by the Roman Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian Deaf Fellowship, Jewish and other sects.

### The Social Side

One must remember that America is a very large country and it is not possible to have services in every town and city, but I found that the deaf were very good at travelling quite long distances to attend the services that are held in different parts of the country. Many of them have their own cars and so are able to get along without much difficulty . . . At Lynchburg, in Virginia, the deaf joined in the services held in the Parish Church and I was very interested to see how they signed and spelled-out their part of the service at the same time as the "hearing" people were singing or speaking. I found that

the deaf were very generous in their support of these services, both financially and in other ways, too . . .

### Schools and Methods

I was able to visit schools for the deaf at Baltimore and Frederick in Maryland; Staunton, Virginia; Morganton, North Carolina; Washington, D.C.; Trenton, New Jersey; West Hartford, Connecticut; Northampton, Massachusetts and in New York City and State. The greater part of the American schools use the "combined system" but those at Northampton, New York City, Trenton and Baltimore are "pure oral." Most of the school buildings I saw were really splendid and they had huge playing fields and wonderful vocational training departments. In every school in America the children, during their first few years there, are taught by the "pure oral" method and then later on in most of the schools the "combined system" is used. Great stress is laid on the importance of teaching young deaf children to understand lipreading and to encourage and improve them in the use of speech before the introduction of finger-spelling and signing. *I came away with the opinion that this is a good system and I think that the use of finger-spelling and signing when they are in the middle school gives the deaf a much better understanding of language than by pure oralism all through their schooling.*

### Deaf Teachers of the Deaf

I was particularly pleased to see and meet many teachers of the deaf who are themselves deaf. They teach academic subjects as well as in the vocational training departments. I am sure that such teachers could be used with great advantage in our schools in this country, but under present conditions that is not possible. I think this is one point that should be taken up by all interested in the education of the deaf and representations on this matter should be made to our Minister of Education.

A very important thing to remember is that most of the deaf in America stay at school until they are 20 years of age or more, so their education, especially in vocational subjects, can be carried much further than in Britain.

This brings me to the arrangements for vocational training in America and I can say without any hesitation at all that they are far beyond anything we have in our country. The workshops are equipped with the most up-to-date machinery, in every respect as good as that which is used in industry and commerce.

### Training Made Interesting

Special attention is given to teaching the senior girls household management



R. STAVERS OLOMAN

and in many of the schools there is a fully equipped "flat" or suite of rooms in which a number of the girls have to spend about six weeks. Usually about six of them live in the flat at a time under the supervision of a teacher and during their stay there, they are taught how to manage a home. They do all the household tasks, go to the shops and make the necessary purchases, keep an account of what they spend, arrange their meals and all other tasks that they will have to face later on in life. I thought it was an excellent idea, and the girls all seemed to enjoy it very much.

Another interesting item of training at most of the schools is mainly for boys. They are taught how to drive a car and to do "running repairs". In many cases the car is donated by a local automobile firm. In America I understand there are over 50 million cars of one sort or another on the roads, so you can see how important it is that anyone who is going to drive, should be properly trained.

At one school I visited, I remarked on the new and modern cookers, refrigerators, washing machines, etc., in the training department. I was told that since the school managers installed the equipment a few years ago a well known electrical firm has replaced all of it free of charge every year! I am sure we should like to see that kind of thing happening in this country.

### Greater Command of Language

My general opinion of the school leavers, as compared with our own deaf, is that the Americans have far more language; they are very good lip-readers, but their speech is not as good as I expected. In case anyone jumps in to say that is because they do not use "pure oralism" let me say, without any reservations at all, *the best speakers I met*

*among the American deaf had been taught by the "combined system".*

I was able to stay a week in Gallaudet College, which is, as no doubt you are well aware, the only college in the world for the deaf. It was a privilege which I greatly appreciated and a most pleasant experience. The College is sponsored, and most of its financial requirements are met, by the U.S. Government.

#### **The Wonderful Spirit of Gallaudet**

It was not the buildings that impressed me most, but the wonderful spirit and friendliness of the people in them. The President of the College and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Elstad, are the inspired heads of what I can only describe as a great, big family. Everyone, from the President to the youngest student or member of the staff, seems to work together for the good of all. Attached to the College is a Speech Clinic where young deaf children are taught by "pure oral" methods to lip-read and speak. They then can go on to the Kendall School which is also in the College grounds. There they continue their education until they are old enough to qualify to go to the Preparatory Department prior to becoming a College student. After a four-year course in the College they can take their B.A. or B.Sc., degree.

#### **Deaf Man Holds Government Post**

Also, whilst in Washington, I had a very interesting and instructive interview with Mr. Boyce Williams who is in charge of the Deaf Department of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Mr. Williams is deaf and is a graduate of Gallaudet College. His job is the important one of supervising the rehabilitation work for the deaf all over America. In all parts of the vast country are specially trained Counsellors, many of them deaf themselves, whose task it is to keep in touch with deaf people who need and are given special training for various kinds of employment . . .

As a result of the work of this special department and of the almost every trade and profession in the country, I was able to see many of them who have important and very well paid jobs in Government and State Departments, in newspaper offices and in factories and workshops of all kinds.

#### **American Hospitality**

In America there are scores and scores of Social Clubs for the Deaf. Most of them are run by the deaf members, a few by friends and relations of the deaf, and a few by Churches. Because most of them were only open at weekends I was not able to visit as many as I should have liked. I saw some that were as good as some of our own and some that were not as good. They are run on a broader basis than those in this country, but tak-

ing all things into consideration, I think that our system is preferable. What did impress me very much was the generous way in which the deaf contributed their time and money towards the support and improvement of their own clubs. Everyone seemed to be ready and willing to do all they could to make their club nights happy, successful and entertaining for all who came. All of the clubs had canteens and from time to time I was able to sample many "hot dogs", "hamburgers" and other delicacies prepared and served by the deaf ladies. At Lynchburg, Virginia, when I visited them, the deaf had prepared a "Parish Supper" at which I was the guest of honour. Similarly a meal was arranged at Roanoke, Virginia, and on Sunday, 23rd October, just before I left Baltimore, the deaf there arranged a "farewell supper" after evening service and made presentations to me. I was very much moved by all the kindness and attention I received and I shall long remember with gratitude the wonderful experiences I had wherever I went. I cannot hope to mention by name all those who were so kind to me, but I must say a special "thank you" to the Rev. Steve L. Mathis for all that he did to make my visit to America a most memorable one.

I must remind my readers before I close this article that my visit to America lasted only five weeks, during which time, including my journey there and back, I covered nearly 10,000 miles. I do not want to give the impression that in that short time I was able to see everything that should be seen. I do not want anyone to imagine that I think I "know all the answers" to every question about the deaf in America, or for that matter in my own country. What I have tried to do is to give you a picture of what I did see.

#### **Action Needed in England**

I hope that as a result of what I have written here and elsewhere, and what I have been able to say in speeches that I have made since my return to this country, that some definite action will be taken to draw the attention of our "powers that be" to the facilities that exist in America for the education of the deaf, for their vocational training and how wide and varied are the professions, trades and occupations that are open to them, and that comparable facilities and opportunities should be made available in this country. My own Society has sent a letter to every other Organisation and Society for the Deaf in this country asking them to unite in pressing the appropriate Ministries of the Government to give consideration to such action as will lead to the full recognition of the potentialities of the deaf in this country and to make proper provision for their betterment and advancement.



#### **Belsers Honored on Silver Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Belser were guests of honor at a silver wedding anniversary party October 22nd, 1955 at their home, 929 Kittitas St. The Surprise celebration was planned by Mrs. Robert L. Cagle and Mrs. Oran Caudill.

Refreshments were served during the "open house" in the afternoon by Mrs. M. Day, sister of Mrs. Belser; Mrs. Cagle; Mrs. Caudill; Mrs. Sackville-West; Mrs. Elmer Seth Sr., and Mrs. John Moore. At 6 o'clock, a buffet supper was served.

Guests from Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sackville-West Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bright; Mrs. Emil Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Edens; From Ephrata: Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goetz. From Ellensburg: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Seth Sr.; From Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hunter; From Seattle, Mrs. Clara Wright and Mrs. Helen Wallace; From Wenatchee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cagle; Mr. and Mrs. Oran Caudill; Mrs. Charlotte McRae and Miss Norrine Taylor; From Chelan, Mr. Adlen Larson.

Present among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sackville-West, at whose home in Spokane Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Belser were married 25 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Belser have lived in Wenatchee for 40 years respectively.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hunter. Mr. Hunter has just retired after teaching at the Washington State School for the Deaf for 50 years. Mr. Belser was attending the school when Mr. Hunter started his teaching career there.

Their only son, George L. Belser, was unable to be there for the silver wedding as he is now teaching at the Idaho State School for the Deaf. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. last May of 1955.

# MANUALLY SPEAKING . . . \*

By Max N. Mossel

## SECOND IN A SERIES

Were you amused, outraged (hope you're a bum thrower), fascinated, or simply of no opinion when you chanced upon samples of initialized signs shown in this column an issue ago? We realize that it would be too presumptuous of us to expect that all reacted favorably, but it can be safely presumed that all feel there is a need for more precise manual interchange of thoughts among deaf children, and deaf persons, for this matter. The novelty of using initialized signs may be too much for some strong for the "status quo," which has actually changed imperceptibly from year to year. Usage will uncover some really good initialized signs for permanent adoption.

There are two manual methods in the "status quo," either of which can be used in quoting Shakespeare *verbatim*. They are, as you guessed it, the tedious finger-spelling, and the more

\*Title of the forthcoming book on signs

favorable Simultaneous Method.\*\* The latter method involves signing and speaking at the same time in such a way that almost nothing is missed in the rapid-fire conversation. To be more precise about this, manual signs intermesh more or less with oral signs (yes, oral *signs*) — either with or without sound effects — in case a deaf person is talked to, and usually with spoken words when a hearing person is spoken to. Oral signs make up for poor and awkward manual delivery while manual signs plus finger-spelling compensate for spoken words not absolutely understood by the hearer. Both parties are benefited; one learns the sign language and also the characteristics of speech while the other acquires more skill in lip-reading.

Then why those initialized signs? Simply because a majority of us don't go in for either simultaneous speaking or wholesale finger-spelling when birds of a feather flock together. Besides, signs have verve and rhythm, and in the hands of a master, they enrapture and enthrall the audience. However, when he gets to be so meticulous that he has to impart exact thoughts, initialized signs should come in handy without forcing him to change his style. Otherwise, too much finger-spelling would send many home and to slumberland — the polite ones prematurely in their seats.

\*\*Nomenclature started by Howard T. Hofsteader

Left, Fig. 1, top, basic sign to express anything or any condition going down or lessening or becoming smaller and even compact. SUGGESTION: Should henceforth be used to express words such as *abate*, *wane*, (water or price or fever) *go down* or *be down*, *compress* (act with grimace in pushing down), and other words not having initials of D, L, or R. MANNER OF DELIVERY: Hold right hand (flat palm down) at shoulder level and left hand (flat palm up) at waist level. Then push top hand down toward stationary lower hand. Fig. 2, lower photo, suggested sign for word *reduce*. MANNER OF DELIVERY: Same as above except hands fold into R's. Top hand (palm down) is pushed toward lower hand (palm up). Fig. 3, right, top, suggested sign for "D" words such as *decrease*, *dwindle*, *diminish*, *decline*, *depreciate*. Exact meaning can be ascertained from context. MANNER OF DELIVERY: Identical with all others, but use "D" hands, pushing top one with palm down toward lower one with palm up. Fig. 4, suggested sign for words, *lessen* or *less*, and *lower* or *low*. MANNER OF DELIVERY: Same as first two examples, but "L" hands are used. Top hand with palm down is brought downward to bottom hand having palm up. Richard O. Davis, principal, Missouri School for the Deaf, posed for these pictures.

Having kindled the idea of initialized signs, we will add some more fuel to keep the blaze alive for the time being. A very versatile basic that comes under consideration is *lessen* or *less*. This sign is also used in the following senses: *decrease*, *decline*, *dwindle*, *depreciate*, *abate*, *lower (low)*, *reduce*, *wane*, *go down*, *be down*, *compress*, *push down*, and several others. The basic is formed with flat hands, the left one with palm up held a few inches from the waist and the other with palm down held roughly ten inches above. The upper hand may or may not be congruent with the lower one; in fact, many have it cross-wise (Fig. 1). Now, push the upper hand down toward the stationary hand and stop three, four, or five inches from it, depending on the degree of lessening intended. This verb may be modified by an adverb in the same maneuver to show how quickly or slowly the lessening takes place, and

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## The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Well, friends, it would seem that our paths are going to cross yet again and that we are powerless to do anything about it. We are a few days behind the deadline, but we do believe that we are improving. Anyway, it is nice to be with

you this month for a little talk about this and some more about that.

### Sent in that dollar yet?

Gallaudet College has a mighty efficient director of public relations in Martin L. A. Sternberg. We should know because he showers us with so many interesting things that we are hard put to find room for them.

The reason we are talking about this is because we want to quote part of a letter Mr. Sternberg wrote to Dr. Burnes. It should be interesting to all of us:

"Perhaps your readers may be interested to know that Gallaudet College, over the past two years, has been subscribing to one of the world's largest clipping services. Not only do we get everything about Gallaudet College, but also everything on deafness and the deaf. Daily, the agency scans some 5,000 U. S. newspapers and periodicals and clips everything connected with the deaf. We have to date collected approximately 20,000 clippings, and more come in daily."

"This is an extremely valuable reference and research tool. As soon as the new Edward Miner Gallaudet Memorial Library has been completed, our stacks of clippings will be classified and otherwise arranged for easy reference. The entire collection will then be made available to all interested persons, both hearing and deaf. It will always be growing, so it will have continuing value, both as a living record of the deaf and their doings, and as a comprehensive history of the American deaf. We are sure your readers will be interested in this. We extend to them all a cordial invitation to come and benefit from this valuable collection, just as soon as it is made available."

### St. Louis, 1957!

Thirty-two years in a classroom are bound to bring on some interesting and amusing experiences. One that we love to remember is the time we had to match wits with the school bully.

We arose from our chair rather hastily one morning all because a tack had been placed on it. We did not need the FBI to point out the culprit, yet we

had no proof to go by, so we simply had to wait on time and opportunity.

About a month later this smart aleck leaped ceilingward when he came down hard on a tack that had found its way to his seat. He didn't need the help of the FBI, either. We knew that he knew, just as he knew that we knew the other time. Whew!

Now, whenever we meet we always tip our chairs just in case. Our grins are genuine, too.

### The NAD needs YOU!

At a recent convention of doctors two new fevers were listed which we suspect we may have had at one stage of life. These ailments are bubble gum fever and classroom fever. The docs said a temperature of 101 was possible in either instance. Bubble gum, as you may have guessed, brings on the fever due to the heavy work involved; classroom fever is caused by a sense of depression or a dislike for school work. Science is wonderful, isn't it?

### You need the NAD

We have found that people will respect us a great deal more if we make light of our deafness instead of bemoaning it. Every chance we get we take a sly dig at our useless ears, and the response we get makes us all the more eager to swat 'em again. How is it at your place of business?

### Meet us in St. Louis

Coronet (April) has an interesting article, "The Confessions of a Dummy Bum." The author, George W. Peterson is called one of the most successful of street beggars by police officials. He goes around posing as a fake deaf beggar.

We think that this article will do the deaf a lot of good in that it will stiffen public resistance when these unfortunate creatures show up on the streets.

Coronet, though, should never have printed some of the things this man had to say without first checking them for truth and accuracy. For example, Peterson says that most states grant the deaf a nice monthly allowance, so they have no reason to beg. He says, too, that welfare agencies look after the deaf. This, as you all know, is pure poppycock.

There is no state that we know of which grants a deaf person a monthly allowance. Do you know of any?

But, three hearty cheers for Peterson when he says this: "Every real mute I've ever met has been a hard worker."

### Tell that "friend" to get his own SW!

Lip reading can be deadly! A deaf lady was granted a divorce from her hearing husband who made her sit in

the back seat of their automobile, then read what he was saying to and about her through the rear view mirror.

### Subscribe to the SW

Another item in the papers that interested us very much was the statement by the head of an oral school. It said that this school was going to take children three years old and have them ready to enroll in the first grade of public school at the age of six! Elementary, my dear Watson!

### The Worker is YOUR magazine!

School will soon be out for many of us. We hope you parents will take up where the teachers leave off — that summer "lapse" can do a great deal of harm to deaf children, especially.

We are positive that a school-home team can hasten and broaden the education of the children now in the many schools scattered over the nation.

Vacations can be fun when they include learning.

The usual shuffle of personnel of schools will take place during the summer. We hope that good men will be replaced with others equally good. We are always sorry to see good men leave us. And we are always happy to see fresh young friends step in to take over where tired hands have dropped out. Our blessings never seem to end.

### Join the Dollar a Month Club

The industrial survey sponsored by the NAD will get under way April 1. The various state associations and organizations, it is hoped, will spearhead this project with the help of interested individuals who want to be of service to the deaf of this country.

Your cooperation, when/if you are asked to fill out one of the questionnaires, will be greatly appreciated. All information is confidential. Through this survey new and better industrial opportunities may be opened up to the deaf.

### One for all and all for one!

Gosh, it has been hard to keep this typewriter clicking while outside the weatherman has been signaling to us like mad. Beautiful days are certainly our dish. We are approaching a time in school history when every teacher will be sorely tried trying to keep the pupils' minds on the three R's. Mother Nature can throw the classroom a lot of wicked curves in the Spring. (We are not talking about the winds that whip skirts around lower extremities.)

Now that we have come this far with you without any serious consequences, we think we had better call it a day. The wife has given up all hope of our spading her flower bed, so once again the three R's triumph over matter, if not over mind.

It has been fun, this stroll with you. Thanks from

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# SWinging 'round the nation



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**DEADLINE FOR NEWS IS THE  
20TH OF EACH MONTH.**

with Mrs. Elizabeth Lessley and visited friends  
and relatives.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lessley is now home recuperating  
from her fractured leg. She spent  
nearly 4 weeks in the hospital.

## OREGON . . .

Dr. T. A. Lindstrom of Salem has been  
bothered lately with stiffness in his arms.  
However, our good friend is up and around  
and is his jovial self again.

The John O'Brien family had the pleasure  
of a brief visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Raney  
on January 4th at their suite in the Multnomah  
Hotel in Portland. International President  
Raney addressed some 250 members of  
the District Kiwanis at a noon luncheon in  
the hotel. Mr. O'Brien and John, Jr., were  
guests at the luncheon, as were Supt. M. B.  
Clatterbuck of the Oregon school and Supt.  
Virgil Epperson of the Washington school.  
Mr. O'Brien was a former teacher under  
Supt. Raney at the Indiana school for a  
number of years.

The oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John  
O'Brien, John, Jr., has been transferred to  
St. Edward's Seminary in Seattle, Washington,  
this year for advanced studies. He spent  
his three weeks vacation during the Christmas  
holidays at his parents' home in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ulmer have their  
house for sale, having bought another house.  
The Ulmers expect to move into their new  
place soon.

Mr. Charles Lynch was a patient at the  
Emmanuel Hospital in Portland for several  
weeks in February. He is home and is improving.

Frederick Tartarini recently underwent a  
major operation for appendicitis at a local  
hospital — is reported doing fine and is able  
to go back on his job after recuperating at  
his home for a month.

Mrs. Guie Cooke had her left knee operated  
on several weeks ago. Her right knee was  
operated on several months ago and the  
operations were a success and she will soon  
be walking again. Meanwhile she is relying  
on the use of crutches.

A Valentine party was given in the Lutheran  
church basement where around sixty adults  
and children gathered. New games were  
played and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cameron became the  
proud parents of a son in January. The couple  
have two other children — all boys.

Mrs. Georgia Pepiot and daughter, Leila of  
Sutherlin, Oregon were visitors in Portland  
during February.

Friends were saddened to hear that Mrs.  
Frances Nelson passed away last December  
at the county hospital where she had been  
staying for several weeks. She was born in  
England and left no survivors but a host of  
friends. She was 86 years old when she died.

Mrs. Lula Peterson is still telling her many  
friends how much she enjoyed visiting during  
the Christmas holidays in San Francisco with  
her son, Carl Bowman and his wife for three  
weeks. She enjoyed visiting Disneyland where  
her son is employed as orchestra leader. He  
formerly conducted an orchestra at the University  
of California and the Hollywood Bowl.

Mrs. Charlotte Coffin and her brother have  
bought a lovely English type home in the King  
Heights in West Portland. She and her  
brother enjoy the views of Portland, Willam-

## Cincinnati Deaf Motorists Dine, "Hear" Safety Talk

Following a custom which has become  
an annual affair in recent years, the  
Cincinnati members of the Ohio Deaf  
Motorists Association, enjoyed a buffet supper on Saturday evening, March 17, in one of the private parlors of the Hotel Sheraton Gibson, with some 40 members being present. As each member entered the door he was given a small cardboard slip, with a St. Patrick sticker thereon. These were for door prizes, the lucky numbers being concealed under the stickers.

Following the dinner, the program got under way with Frank Benedict, president of the local club, acting as master of ceremonies. Rev. August Staibitz delivered the invocation. Mr. Benedict then introduced Patrolman Sam Glossi of the Cincinnati Police Highway Safety Department, the guest speaker, who gave a very interesting talk and complimented the members of the club for their interest in safe driving and mentioned that the traffic safety record of deaf drivers stood very high compared to the general average. At the end of his talk Officer Glossi invited questions and quite a few puzzlers were asked of him. He also distributed copies of the Ohio Rivers Manuel and a booklet titled "Know Your Highway Signs" to all present. At the conclusion of his talk, Officer Glossi said he had found it a very interesting experience and offered to return at some future meeting to show safety movies. Mrs. Woodrow Whitley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Welte of Covington, Ky., interpreted the remarks of the speaker.

LeRoy Duning, president of the ODMA, gave a brief talk following that of Officer Glossi.

Following the talk of Officer Glossi, a very interesting film on highway safety was shown, with Jack Parsons operating the projector.

As an added feature, Albert Bender showed some of the colored slides taken at the Golden Anniversary Banquet of Division No. 10 of the NFSD late in February. They were very interesting.

All arrangements for the dinner were made by Rosemary McHugh, the chairman for the affair, and she did a splendid job. Gus Straus made arrangements for the guest speaker. Frank Kiefer, treasurer of the local branch, acted as cashier.

On May 25 the local members will hold an outing at a roadside restaurant out in the country at a place called the DX Ranch, famous for its good food.

There was a nice write-up of the meeting in the Sunday edition of the Cincinnati Enquirer, the story appearing on the front page.

— RAY GRAYSON

## COLORADO . . .

A belated wedding shower was held for our  
new bride, Grace Haptonstal, on March 11th  
at the home of Mrs. Howard Andress. Hostesses  
were Mrs. Andress, Mrs. Richard O'Toole  
and Miss Rosemarie Clawson. The basketball  
team and their wives presented Grace with a  
dinnerware set. She received many other  
lovely gifts.

The MAAD was held in Council Bluffs the  
week-end of March 2 and 3. Rea Hinrichs  
of Denver was chosen one of the All-Stars.

Roland Gref, of Denver, is now working  
nights at Shwayder Bros., since he was promoted  
to a leadman.

Alvie Moser and Betty Knudsen have chosen  
September for their wedding.

Clarence Kamminga was presented with his  
fourth child, a girl, by his wife in February.  
They now have three girls and one boy.

The Rea Hinrichs now have a '48 Buick.  
Marlene began working as an IBM key punch  
operator at the Air Force Finance Center on  
March 21st. Rea is employed by Shwayder  
Bros.

The Birthday Clubs had their parties on  
March 16th at the home of Eva Fraser and  
on March 23rd at the home of Rosemarie  
Clawson.

Mrs. LeGrand Klock returned by plane to  
her home in Rochester, N. Y. the first of  
March after a month in Colorado. She stayed

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Conference. Don't miss this  
chance to meet them.

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ette River, Mount Hood, etc. She has been employed for the past ten years as deputy clerk in the court house.

Miss Elnora Johnson, a newcomer from Omaha, Nebraska, has been making Portland her home for the past several months. She hopes to get employment soon.

Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Marcia Halverson, whose husband, Orval, was killed in an automobile accident several miles north of Monmouth. Mrs. Halverson was injured — she suffered a broken leg, shock, and other injuries. She was taken to the hospital in Salem where she stayed for several weeks. She is at present staying with her parents after being released from the hospital. Orval received most of his schooling in Minnesota, where he was born. He also attended the School for the Deaf in Vancouver, Washington, for a few months.

Mrs. Mabel Peterson, mother of Agnes, Alton, and Elmer was a patient in the Salem

hospital for several weeks — is now able to go home.

## KANSAS . . .

Mrs. Maggie Webb, widow of Frank Webb of Topeka won \$10,000.00 damages from a Topeka driver recently. Mr. Webb, a retired printer, was struck and killed as he carried groceries across the street in 1954. That is big money but is not enough to compensate for the loss of her husband.

Cars are handy but do not last long, therefore the two Wichitans, Dean Vanatta and Doris Heil have traded their old ones for new ones. A Pontiac for Mr. Vanatta and a V8 Plymouth for Miss Heil.

Francis Srack and Jerry Crabb, Wichita, received their third degrees at the regular Desomic meeting at Kansas City, Mo., February 18.

Otis Koehn, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ellinger, Mrs. Ray Miller, and Mrs. Russell Morton, all of Wichita, saw the Kansas basketball team beat the Oklahoma boys at the Kansas School Gymnasium at Olathe February 11th. The Ellingers spent all their spare time visiting their children at the school. Mr. Koehn was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ayers. Mrs. Miller also visited with her daughter, Della. Mrs. Morton enjoyed herself sight-seeing as it was her first visit in many years.

Oscar Twete of Abercombie, S. D., spent his winter in Arizona and tried fishing in the Gulf in Texas. He visited Dallas, Houston, and Fort Worth and stopped in Wichita to spend a few weeks with his nieces and nephews and called at the W.C.D. Hall one Saturday before going home to South Dakota.

Mrs. Russell Morton and Billy Gildhouse have our sympathy for the loss of her brother and his mother, respectively. Mrs. Morton attended his funeral at Springfield, Colorado, February 25. She had not seen him for 8½ years. Mrs. Gildhouse was buried at Arkansas City, February 26th.

The KCCD basketball team journeyed to Wichita for a game against the Wichita team at Friends University Gym Feb. 25th. The visitors walloped the local team 73 to 44. A social for all visitors was held at the hall of the State Chiropractic College after the game.

February 5th was the day for the dedication and opening of the new Lutheran Church at Great Bend. A number of deaf people around Great Bend came to attend the opening.

Lois and Roger Ellinger, children of the Floyd Ellingers, Wichita, were home for the School had a three day holiday as the teachers attended meetings in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conradt, Wichita, were excited over the arrival of their son, Everett, and his bride from Hawaii, where he was stationed with the Air Force. Everett is thinking of signing for further service.

Miss Rae Field, Wichita, underwent a major operation at Wesley Hospital on February 23. Her recovery was rapid so she returned to her work at Henry's March 12th.

Rev. A. E. Ferber of Kansas City was in



Miss Emily L. Andem of New York City snared the \$250 "Blotto" top award as the New York "Mirror's" popular ink-blot game came to an end during the last week of September. Miss Andem is connected with the Hispanic Society of America, the Spanish Museum, having been there for almost thirty years as a departmental assistant in records.

worship service at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. About twelve deaf attended. Rev. John Bell of Tulsa, Okla., conducted a worship service for the deaf at the Central Christian Church on March 4. He also assisted in organizing a monthly meeting for the deaf. Mrs. Ray Miller was elected president and Mr. George Harms, treasurer. The name for this new organization will be selected at the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Whitworth, Blackwell, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bibles, Tonkawa, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Diedrich, Blackwell, arrived at the church at the closing of the service to wish us success. They were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller.

Billy Basham, Wichita, is a busy boy nowadays. He is getting ready for his big day, his wedding on March 31st to Juanita Easley of Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Jessie Dreyer, Topeka, was a hospital patient almost a month and is now in a Nursing Home. Ed Barthel of Topeka also is in a nursing home, not far from the Joe Malms.

Mrs. Ida Meyer Basham of California was brought home by plane by her sister to Topeka, where Mrs. Basham is to convalesce from her serious illness.

## NEBRASKA . . .

Lo! Look at Council Bluffs, Iowa, the new champion of the Midwest in basketball! With

Dawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weingold, Birmingham, Mich., celebrates sixth birthday party. A three-tiered cake, a miniature bride and groom, and a punch bowl decked the party table and she greeted her guests in bridal attire. There was no groom at the party, since the only male attendant was Dawn's little brother, Conrad.



a remarkably good team that had plenty of speed and stamina, the Council Bluffs Silent Club copped the championship in the annual basketball tournament of the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf, which was held under the sponsorship of the CBSC at the Abraham Lincoln High School in CB March 2nd and 3rd. Our own Omaha boys came out third, losing only to the Twin Cities in the semi-finals that Saturday afternoon, which to most people was an unexpected upset, but the showing they made was a great improvement over the big drop to 7th place last year at the 1955 tournament in St. Louis, and as the writer says, tomorrow is another day, and there is next year and the next and so on for Omaha to come back and get that most highly-coveted MAAD crown. The other places in the CB tournament went to those clubs in order as follows: 4th—Wichita; 5th—Sioux Falls; 6th—Kansas City; 7th—Des Moines; and 8th—Denver.

It would take such a lot of space here to fully narrate everything that went on during that two-day affair in CB — both the MAAD meeting and the entire BB tournament, but we presume they are being reported elsewhere in this issue of the SW or in the AAAD Bulletin, so we will just confine ourselves to what appear to us to be the highlights of the whole thing, of which there are quite a few. First, we will say that it was a huge success in every way: the attendance was unusually large, even going beyond the expectations of the committee; there were well over 500 at the final game and the party, and about 275 season tickets were sold, which must be something of a record for a MAAD tournament. The MAAD meeting, starting at nine in the morning and lasting until two-thirty in the afternoon without interruption, was highly conspicuous for one thing never seen before at previous MAAD tournaments: it was the presence of a table for every delegate, which certainly made it most comfortable and convenient for the delegates; there was quite a bit of keen bidding for the 1957 and 1958 tourneys, which surprised even the veteran MAAD fans, the writer himself among them, and what a great pleasure it was to know that it would be Kansas City in 1957 and Denver in 1958. Our own George Propp of Omaha, delegate to the meeting, was elected 2nd vice president of the MAAD, in charge of publicity, which should be a cinch for him, alongside of Ed. Carney of St. Louis, new president, and Wilbur Ruge of Wichita, board member, and the Stack brothers of Kansas, re-elected for 1st vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

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By Marcus L. Kenner

"Right it is Old Age should ponder  
On grave matters fraught with care;  
Tender Youth is free to wander,  
Free to frolic light as air."

*A Correction:* In my last column I lamented the fact that Gallaudet College was not named among those beneficiaries recently favored with grants by the Ford Foundation. Martin L. Sternberg, Gallaudet's Director of Public Relations, advises that Gallaudet College, being Federally-sponsored, is not eligible for such funds, which went only to private colleges. Of course,—and I should have known better. Sorry for this oversight.

In this connection, it is pleasing to add that the Gallaudet College expansion program is going great guns. Besides the new Library, which at this writing is about to be dedicated, working plans for the new Gym have been drawn, and the new Girls' Dormitory is presently on the drafting boards. What is more, President Eisenhower has recommended to Congress approximately \$2,500,000 for a Classroom-Laboratory Building, and a Speech and Hearing Center. More good things are in the offing. Such speedy Federal recognition, under Prexy Elstad's regime, is heartening, indeed. Congratulations.

"a frequent visitor, was a deaf mute who always said something in sign-language to his wife, who was waiting at home. He never would tell us what he said." Now, would you?

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You may have seen the news item that 24 typists are taking part in a Government-sponsored test to determine a revised typewriter keyboard system. The idea is to shift the main work load from the left hand to the right. Wondering if this would, eventually, affect our present standard lino keyboard. If so, pity those left-handed friends of ours!

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Marcel Marceau speaks the language of Silence so eloquently that he is acclaimed as the world's finest pantomimist. "By breaking through the wall of language," says he, "a mime can become a brother to all the world." Which prompts us to ask why our own sign-language is not favorably regarded by the oralists. Yet, they do not object to watching a pantomime—and paying for it in the process!

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*"How To"* — With the baseball season in full blast,—it may interest you to learn that baseball wives have a simple way for teaching their husbands how to swaddle a new baby: They lay the breech-cloth out in the form of a baseball diamond. "Now," they tell the player, "you take the batter's position at the low end of the cloth; bring center field down to home plate. You put the baby in the pitcher's box. You bring 1st base, 3d base, and home plate together. If the game's rained out, you start all over." Try it, men, and do let me know if you scored.

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*On a busy street* in N.Y. City, Dave Garroway entertains daily with his early morning TV show, "Today." This attracts a number of passers-by, such as former President Truman, who press their noses against the window pane as the NBC camera is trained on them. "One of them," reports Garroway,

*A candid note to parents of the deaf:* Speech ability does not always insure language ability. No art can teach a cat to bark, or a hen to swim. No manner of arguing can alter these facts. Let us all bear in mind that our chief aim is not to restore the deaf to so-called "normalcy",—but to make them "socially effective and individually content." What more could be desirable?

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*Have you heard this one?* (Submitted by Bro. Carl B. Smith)

Traffic Cop: "Why did you keep on going after I whistled?"

Driver: "I'm sorry, I'm pretty deaf."

Traffic Cop: "Well, you'll get your hearing in the morning."

And I happen to know of a N. Y. City fellow who purchased a hearing aid and—what do you think?—next morning he heard from his grandmother in Australia.



Show in this picture are Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Jarvis, of Wilson, Connecticut. Mr. Jarvis is a veteran worker for the cause of the deaf for many years. He served the New England Gallaudet Association as treasurer for 22 years and as president for six years, declining to accept further office after the 100th Anniversary convention of the Association in 1954. He is a 34-degree member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and he was chairman of the committee for the Statue Fund Drive, whose efforts culminated in erection of the Founders' Memorial statue in the city of Hartford. A native of Bangor, Maine, Mr. Jarvis graduated from the Maine School for the Deaf in 1911 and moved to Connecticut in 1917. At the 100th Anniversary celebration of the American School at Hartford in 1917, he met Miss Hannah S. Ahrens, of Reading, Pa., and they were married in 1925. Last year he was honored at a special banquet given by the firm with which he is employed in celebration of his 30 years with the firm. Harry Jarvis was an outstanding basketball player, playing as forward with numerous teams in Maine and Connecticut. As a member of the Bangor Y. M. C. A. team, he was once in a game which his team won by the score of 22 to 0, a rarity in basketball! An automobile injury which smashed his right elbow cut short his basketball career. Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis have owned their home in Wilson since 1951. Wilson is part of Windsor in suburban Hartford, and the oldest town in Connecticut, first settled in 1633. The deed to their home shows that their lot was the spot where the first family settled, so they are on ancient ground.

## Swinging . . .

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The BB games, of which there were 11 altogether, regarded by some people as worth more than the admission charge of \$5.50, were such that all enjoyed watching them, and many a game was a nerve-wracking and exciting see-saw affair, as the following scores indicate: Omaha 36, Twin Cities 39; Omaha 37, Wichita 36; Denver 59, Sioux Falls 62; Kansas City 65, Des Moines 60.

Now that the tournament is finished and Council Bluffs is representing the MAAD at the National tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, the first week of April, let us pause in gratitude to the CB Club for a well-managed tournament and at the same time wish them

the best of luck at Cleveland. Mr. Francis Jacobson, general chairman, and Mrs. Lillian Francis, Club secretary, did such a lot of hard work both before and during the tourney, putting in long hours day after day and seeing to it that everything was taken care of. Thanks, CB, for such a fine time at the tournament.

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While yet on the subject of basketball, we might as well say something about the record of our OCD BB team up to the close of the season and the prospects for next year. With almost the same line-up of players as last year, augmented by the addition of Delbert Boese formerly of LA and Roger Fuller of Omaha, a rejuvenated Omaha team took on all challengers — other clubs of the deaf around here — and defeated them handily, but they met their Waterloo Feb. 18th when they lost to Council Bluffs and again to Des Moines a week later. However, it may be a different picture next year and prospects for such at present appear most bright and promising; James Beacom, senior at the Nebraska School and stellar athlete, will play BB for Omaha, and he is very good at it, so we hear. Now we say to all people in the Midwest: Watch Omaha next year!

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A most delightful and entertaining stage show was given before a large assemblage of local people in the Auditorium at NSD Saturday night, March 17th, under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Propp with the proceeds ear-marked for the benefit of the basketball team of the Omaha Club of the Deaf. It was a negro minstrel variety show and the participants were all younger deaf people, and their make up was such that it was exceedingly hard to distinguish between them. Only by the color of their hair we were able to tell who they were. All in all, it was a very good show and everyone in the cast did give a good performance, which reflects in a large part the painstaking care and work of the director and the cooperation of the cast; they had been rehearsing as long as three months, first at the house of the Propps and later at the School. We would single Delbert Boese out for display of brilliant and exceptional acting ability, for he gave a most amusing solo exhibition of an orchestra conductor working himself up to a total collapse, and even adlibbed and made up a few things to do without spoiling the show, when he was helping George Propp with the duties of the M.C. or announcer. Mrs. Propp is to be heartily commended for giving such a good show, and of course she is fast gaining a reputation for her accomplishments as both an actress and as a director.

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The Omaha deaf were saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Edith O'Brien, 69 years of age, for many years a house-mother at NSD, which occurred on March 14th at a local hospital; it seems that she had just gone there for a physical checkup, since she had not been feeling well for a time, and as soon as it was done, they put her in bed, and minutes later they looked at her again and found her dead. She was such a good woman, full of all Christian qualities that can be named, and her departure leaves a void hard to fill among her many friends in and out of Omaha. Funeral services were on Saturday morning, the 17th, with many Omaha and Lincoln deaf attending, and interment was made in Hillcrest Cemetery. Her survivors are one sister, Miss Emma Marshall, teacher at NSD, and three brothers, all deaf; Charles Marshall, teacher in physical education at the Illinois School, Alfred, manual arts teacher at the Kentucky School, and Edward of St. Louis. Mrs. O'Brien had lived in Nebraska all her life, finishing school at NSD in 1905, marrying in 1915 and after the death of her husband in 1921 working at NSD until her death.

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From Charles Marshall, who had come to Omaha for the funeral, bringing along with him his daughter, we received some very interesting information that we are glad to pass on to the readers: even though he is in the 60's, he still takes an active part in the physical education department at the Illinois School as an instructor in swimming and gymnastics for the boys. Charles was something of an athlete himself when he was younger, playing football at Gallaudet College along with Foltz, Moore, and Cuscaden and later at Akron for the Goodyear Silents. He was a bosom pal of Cuscadens and to this day they have remained old friends. Alfred Marshall of Kentucky and his wife, formerly Margaret DuBose of South Carolina, came to Omaha for the first time in many years, and there was a big reception in their honor sometime after the funeral at the house of the Hans Neujahrs; Alfred met quite a few at the reception that he had not seen for 20, 25 and even 30 years, and to them he was the same old Alfred, not changed much except for a little more flesh and wearing glasses and yet looking well. He was telling about his daughter, Carolyn, who is a first-year student at Gallaudet, and who once wrote Kentucky news for the SW.

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On February 20th there was a big birthday party at NSD that received wide publicity through the medium of the *World-Herald*, big Omaha paper: it was in honor of Mrs. Eva Comp, deaf mother of Supt. Jackson's wife, and she was 90 years old that day. During the noon hour exactly 90 pupils filed past Mrs. Comp and gave her a rose each, and besides she was presented with a gift from other people connected with the school, and in the evening of the same day there was a reception in her honor. Grandma Comp, as she is known to the pupils, has lived for a number of years at the School in an apartment of her own, and though unable to get around as much as before, she is yet mentally alert. She came to Nebraska from Illinois before the turn of the century and has lived here ever since.

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PERSONAL BRIEFS: John & Grace Schene-

## Dewey Deer, Volunteer of the Year

Dewey H. Deer, of Vancouver, Wash., was the recipient of a distinct honor conferred on him at a banquet in Olympia, Washington, February 3, 1956. He was presented a certificate naming him "Volunteer of the Year." This certificate was given by the Council for Children and Youth "for devoted interest, voluntary effort and inspiring leadership among the citizens of the State of Washington on behalf of the State School for the Deaf during the year 1955." Seven hearing residents of the State were similarly honored, working for other state institutions.

Incidentally, Dewey, who happens to be President of the Washington State Association, still wears the same hat size, a 7½. Mrs. Deer accompanied her husband to the banquet and these two were the only deaf persons present. On being presented the certificate Mr. Deer responded with a brief speech, interpreted by Mr. Virgil Epperson, superintendent of the School for the Deaf.

man are now without two sons, Lester and John, Jr., and only daughter Carolyn at home with them; Lester was married to Edna Bauermeister in a very large and beautiful candle-light wedding at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Omaha before over 300 people, including a good number of Omaha deaf, and wedding reception followed by party at the farm residence of Edna's folks, and Lester and Edna immediately off on their honeymoon to Los Angeles; and the other son, John, Jr. in the Army for a four-year hitch, stationed at present at Camp Chaffee in Arkansas, serious about joining up with the paratroopers. . . Bob and Marion Pettit moving to Chicago for new home after selling their house in Omaha, and farewell dinner for them by a few close friends downtown, Bob giving up his job at Omar's Bakery where he was employed for almost 15 years, but with promise of work in Chicago; all best wishes to them and here's hoping we see them again soon. . . Winter vacation of almost one month by Dale and Viola Paden, down to New Mexico and Arizona and California, escaping Nebraska blizzard by hours on the way out but running into blinding dust-storm in Texas on return trip; stopping at Santa Fe to visit Dale's Alma Mater and at Flagstaff, Arizona, to see Viola's sister, Mrs. Nina Klopping; lingering in Los Angeles to call on ex-Nebraska people living there, such as the Harry Starks and Joe Purpuras and seeing a BB game between LA and Oakland; and taking in 'most all points of interest, such as Ghost Town and Knott's Berry Farm, Cactus Desert and Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Carlsbad Caverns, and even a short trip into old Mexico; and arriving back home in time for the MAAD BB tournament in CB. . . Harold and Connie Schulz acquiring a house trailer and living in it at the Maple Grove Trailer Court, owned and operated by the Padens; and Harold's sister, Ruth Degenhardt recently admitted as a member of Omaha Aux-Frats; and her husband, Everett taking entire family down to Hebron, Nebraska for golden wedding anniversary celebration of his father and mother. . . Oscar Treuke operated on for some intestinal ailment and confined in new and modern Clarkson Hospital, and back home on birthday of his 90-year-old mother, who said it was her best present. . . Charles and Ruth Falk having a new pet dog to replace the one lost by death and calling her Trixie III, and Ruth all set to teach her to understand signs of the deaf after success with other two dogs. . . Baby boy born to the Leonard Egglestons in January and baby girl to the Norbert Knobbes about same time; and Tom and Dolly Peterson, now grandpa and grandma for third time, with baby boy to Joseph and Barbara Flood. . . Frank Milana leaving for Los Angeles on eve of MAAD tournament to try landing a job in California, and his wife, Alice yet in Omaha but ready to join him when he has success. . . Don Jeck, not yet 23, going around in a new 1955 Buick Century, and Art Nelson trading in his '55 Ford for 1956 Belair Chevrolet. . . Harry Eckstrom buying a big old house in Benson and converting it into two apartments, one downstairs and one upstairs. . . Seen at the MAAD tourney in CB were some Lincoln people, the Leavitts, Duermeiers, Lindbergs, Sipps, Weigands and Delbert Boese and Jim Nelson; and also the Jack Gaffertys of Hastings, Nebraska, Jack expecting to be laid off from the Naval Ammunition Depot, due to big reduction in employment; and also the Paul Barnes of Bridgeport, Nebraska, fooling with the idea of moving to Florida, but we hope they give it up. . . Scott Cuscaden, dean of boys at the Iowa School, out on a trip East, riding herd on the junior and senior classes, and all of them appearing on TV in New York City early in the morning on Dave Garroway's program—Today; wonder whether any of you saw them on your TV.

## CALIFORNIA . . .

Maud and Angelo Skropeta returned in late February from a two weeks visit to Maud's relatives in and around New Orleans. They took in the Mardi Gras and spent most of their time in the French Quarter where Angelo drank gallons of the famous New Orleans coffee and dozens of the unique square doughnuts which he says have no holes in the center . . . and he still wonders about that. There was a block-long waiting line at Antoine's Restaurant so they had to forego "dinner at Antoine's, and settled for a delicious repast at the famed Broussard Restaurant. Of special interest were the sights along Bourbon Street, which is the center of New Orleans' night life, and the Skropetas are still talking about the show-girls and the high cost of everything.

Earl Beasley's M and M Cleaners out in Compton seems to be prospering mightily these days. Earl is having the shop enlarged and renovated, with an office being put in to handle the ever-increasing volume of business.

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## Union League Celebrates

The Hotel St. George, New York City, was the scene of a festive 70th Anniversary Dinner of the Union League of the Deaf, Inc. on Saturday evening, February 25, 1956. An impressive attendance of over 350 members and lady guests was credited to the hard work of our able chairman, Harry Kurz, and his very effective aids, Abraham Barr, Joseph Mortiller, Leon Wincing and Joseph Worzel of the Banquet Committee. To them, President Seymour M. Gross extended his sincere thanks.

Chairman H. Kurz greeted the audience, "It is a grand tribute to the Union League of the Deaf that we become greater as an organization as time goes by. An organization is only as strong as its members. The turnout here this evening is evidence of what we as a group can achieve if we work together."

President Gross addressed the members after a royal dinner, "We have not only attained the biblical milestone of three score and ten but we have arrived at that ripe age with vigor and vitality that augurs a continued span of happy rewarding years for our League. For a parallel—in the language of Wall Street—our organization is now a seasoned investment, a blue chip. It has weathered wars and depressions and as I look around me and note the many happy faces of our members, I am sure you will agree that it has paid invaluable dividends in friendship, mutual helpfulness and comforting understanding of our problems." He continued, "I can continue to rely on our Board of Governors—my predecessors—our fellow officers, and many of the members for that co-operation and constructive aid without which my task of leading our UL on to another great milestone would be impossible."

President Gross presented Life Membership scrolls to five guests of honor for having been members of the UL for over half a century. They were Simon



Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Skropeta at one of the beautiful tombs for which the cemeteries of New Orleans are famous. Many of the monuments date back to the 17th century. The Skropetas visited New Orleans during Mardi Gras (see California News section.)

Hirsch, Seymour Gomprecht, Marcus L. Kenner, Arnold A. Cohn and Samuel Goldberg.

"I know I speak from the hearts of all of us—your fellow members of the UL," he addressed the five patriarchs, "when I tell you we all hold you in deep veneration. We admire what you have stood for in this life. As a symbol of our gratitude I as president and therefore representative of the entire membership of UL—am proud and honored to make you life members of our organization and award to you these certificates of Life Membership as a visible evidence." President Gross ended the address with "I wish you many more years in which to enjoy the fellowship you have done so much to engender and to see our organization continue to grow and prosper. Our fervent hope is that we will all be together again to celebrate your Diamond Jubilee."

Entertainment, dancing, nostalgia for the past 70 years and high optimism for the future were the keynotes of this memorable event.

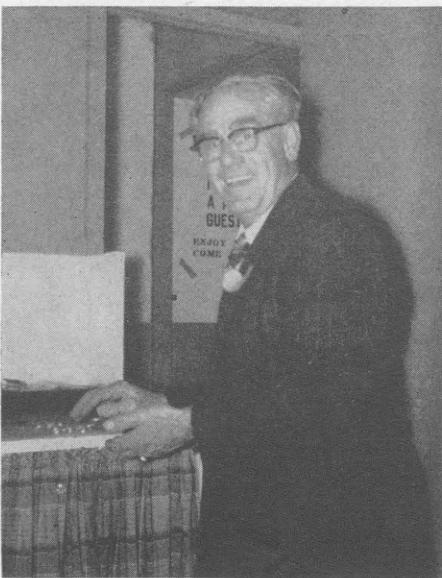
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Art C. Johnson of Long Beach, Calif., who was honored at a party on his 70th birthday by the members of the Long Beach Club, of which he is treasurer. Art moved to California in 1951 upon his retirement after living in Illinois all his life. Active in affairs of the deaf all his life, Art is considered invaluable by the members of the Long Beach organization.

### Swinging . . .

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Mr. and Mrs. Odean Rasmussen bundled up son Steven and took off for several days of fun and relaxation over the Easter vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlack of Wilmington left by train in Mid-April for three weeks visiting with friends and relatives in Oklahoma. Most of the folks around Los Angeles spent the Easter vacation quietly at home and no wonder . . . with school out for a full week and the kids demanding new finery, few of us had the time or money to get away.

Marvin and Mary Anne Thompson of Coronado Island, down near San Diego, have been frequent visitors to Long Beach lately taking in affairs at the local club where they have made many friends. And there are a couple of newcomers now living in Long Beach . . . Mr. and Mrs. Forfar, former residents of Canada, who have come to make their home in Our Town.

Dozens upon dozens of good friends descended upon the Long Beach Clubhouse the afternoon of Sunday, April 15th, to eat, drink and make merry with young Frank Luna, who reached his 30th birthday the day before. Frank almost passed out with surprise, having been summoned to the Clubhouse by an urgent message from Jerry Fail, when he walked in and found the place crowded to the doors with almost every good friend and chance acquaintance. The joyous event was planned and carried out by Frank's wife, Patricia, his brother-in-law and sister, the Earl Beasleys, John and Jerry Fail, Ben and Mary Mendoza, Frank Schmidt, Art C. Johnson, and Frank's other sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Kiniski of Newark, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Koukoutsakis.

(Please folks, the California section of the news seems to be going from bad to worse. There are parties by the dozens almost every month and we could never, never manage to attend all of them. So won't you all please drop us a note and tell us about the fun so we can tell it to our readers? Your activities must surely make interesting reading.—News Ed.)

Joel, son of Charles Lawson of Hawthorne,

Calif., was confined to the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles Easter Week. Following surgery, Joel made a rapid recovery and is back home with his grandparents none the worse for the experience.

1955 was a great year for new babies and 1956 will see the coming of even more. On the list of those expecting little bundles of joy the next few months are Dorothy Gerichs Cox, February; Mrs. Ray Sund, March; Mrs. Melvin Harbert, April; Mrs. Jerry Dillon, May; Larue Emmer, and Vicky Santillanes, also in May; Becky Elliott, Ruth Skinner, Beverly McCallon, June; Mrs. R. Villalobos, Mrs. Saul Lukacs and Mrs. Harry Knowles, August; and Saul and Marcella Brandt will welcome their second child around mid-July. John and Dianne Carlin are happy at the recent arrival of a little son.

Honored on his 70th birthday with a party given by the Board of the Long Beach Club was Art C. Johnson. The event took place at the Clubhouse Saturday evening April 7th and Art was literally flabbergasted by it all. Art and Mrs. Johnson are busily preparing to take a vacation trip east as far as Illinois with various stop-overs enroute sometime around the first week of May. They'll be gone more than a month and folks are going to miss them a great deal.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the Nunn family of Los Angeles, Wilmington, and Bakersfield over the loss of their beloved father, Richard Thomas Nunn, who passed away in his sleep at the home of his daughter in Bakersfield, Saturday afternoon, March 24th. Funeral services were held in Bakersfield March 27 with interment in that city. Mr. Nunn, who would have been 80 years old in May, is survived by sons Ivan and Henry of Los Angeles, two daughters, Betty of Wilmington and Eula of Bakersfield, a sister and fifteen grandchildren.

Mrs. Ethel Henderson of Richmond, Calif., writes that her son, Capt. Jack P. Henderson, left February 2nd for Ft. Lewis, Washington, to await transfer to Korea, where he will serve for 3 years. Jack has been in the army for 15 years now.

Many were the friends and well wishers who gathered at the Oakland Club for the Deaf February 26th to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. Broderick upon the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Everyone had a good time and the Brodericks were presented with many gifts from their host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingrid Aldersley of Berkeley entertained at a surprise birthday party for their daughter, Marilyn, the afternoon of March 4th. Attending from Oakland were the Bruce Burroughs, Irene Lynch, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. Mollie Browning, Mrs. Horace McAllister and Rev. George Gaertner. Millie Hartman and Ethel Henderson came down from nearby Richmond and from Berkeley came the George Whites, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Gordon Smith from Santa Rosa. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis came from Walnut Creek.

### Bay Area News . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Willman of Los Angeles spent eight days of his vacation on a jaunt to Berkeley, and they ventured to Reno for two days of relaxation and fun. While in Berkeley they were entertained at dinners by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lester, Mr. and Mrs. Gage Hinman in Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bell in Castro Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. West in Hayward, who also had Mr. and Mrs. John Skoglund of Spokane, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. West took the Hinmans and the Willmans for a drive around the bay and to Tiburon for a visit with Mrs. Tilley.

Major Peter Skoglund, who had been stationed in Orlando, Fla., for two years, stopped in San Francisco for two weeks, giving his father an opportunity to come down from Spokane. They headquartered at the St. Francis Hotel before shipping out for Guam. After their departure, Mr. and Mrs. John Skog-

lund spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bell. John's picture appeared in THE SILENT WORKER recently when he announced his retirement as a printer. Before they left for home, Frank Emerick treated them to an Italian dinner in Oakland.

Bob Dunn of Portland, Oregon, has landed a position as carpenter with a furniture firm in Oakland. He has found a place to live and his wife and son are preparing to join him here. His 6 ft. 4 in. will be a welcome addition to the East Bay basketball team next fall.

Bruce Barlow was the lucky winner of a wrist watch at a gas station in San Jose. The station gives away a Buick and a watch each month.

On March 30 Abe Rosenblatt, manager of the Oakland BB team, flew to Omaha, Nebraska, to spend two days with his brother, who is mayor of Omaha. From there he went to Chicago to visit another brother and to join the Oakland basketball team en route to Cleveland and the AAAD tournament. All returned safely with the 4th place trophy in their possession. A large crowd met them at the San Francisco Airport.

Miss Claudine Ingold came up from Los Angeles to visit her former classmate, Esther Chavez, and liked it so well she decided to stay here and look for a job.

Frank Emerick decided to retire from his work as a stereotyper on April 7, after 39 years on the job, 14 of which were spent at the *Oakland Tribune*. He plans to sell his home in Piedmont and look for a location in the Idaho mountains, where he can build a summer cabin along some good fishing stream, probably spending the winters with his daughter, Aletha, who is physical education director

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# The Silent Printer

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The Silent Printer had the pleasure of a visit to the Henry E. Huntington Library at San Marino, California recently and found the visit well worthwhile to any person engaged in the "art preservative."

Of special interest at this particular time, which is the 250th anniversary of the birth of our patron, Benjamin Franklin, is a display of original books and objects directly connected with him. Included in the display is a genuine copy of "Poor Richard's Almanack" for the year 1748. This annual book first appeared in 1732 and rapidly gained in public favor. Many of the homilies which appeared in this little book and which was a product of Franklin's own pen, are still in use today. In fact, much of Franklin's fame rests on "Poor Richard's Almanack." Other items on display are a copy of Cicero's "Discourse of Old Age" which Franklin printed in 1744, part of the manuscript for Franklin's "Autobiography" in his own hand writing and several pieces of printing from his private press which he set up in his residence in France. The Cicero's Discourse is of special interest since it is considered the finest example of Franklin's work still extant. Printed in 18 pt. Caslon type with 12 pt. notes it compares in every way with the product of today's finest typographers.

Another interesting bit of "incunabula" is a copy of "The Recuyell of the Historyes of Troye" printed by William Caxton. It is said that Caxton was a wool merchant and came into contact with the new art of printing in his travels on his business in the Low Countries and in Germany. This book was the first book printed in the English language and is printed in red ink with black engravings. Another product of the press of William Caxton is a copy of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales printed in 1475 in black ink with vivid red initials.

An oddity on display is a Traveling Library. This item is a leather bound case about 14x20 inches and 4 or 5 inches deep. One cover opens to reveal a set of 44 miniature volumes divided into sets and uniformly bound in white leather. Each set treats of a different subject such as philosophy, history or poetry. This Traveling Library is said to date from around the year 1600 and is one of only three known to exist.

The object on display worthy of the greatest interest and reverence from a

printer is of course the Gutenberg Bible, generally accepted as the first book produced from movable type. It was intended to be indistinguishable from the hand written works of the ancient scribes which it was meant to replace. Printed in jet black ink which still retains its lustre and embellished with hand painted initials set off with gold leaf it is a handsome object.

We read an interesting quotation the other day and pass it on here for what it may be worth.

"Man must work. That is certain as the sun. But he may work grudgingly or he may work gratefully; he may work as a man or he may work as a machine. There is no work so rude that he may not exalt it; no work so impulsive that he may not breathe a soul into it; no work so dull that he may not enliven it."

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Here's the May National Amalgamated Directory supplement.

Edward Carr, Monotype Keyboard Operator, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Brother Carr attended the Pennsylvania School at Mt. Airy and formerly resided for 18 years in New York City.

George Morrison, All Round Printer at the newspaper in Defiance, Ohio. Brother George is a product of the Ohio School where he was known as a very dependable kind of a guy. Whenever a particular kind of a job came up, his teachers recall, he was the fellow to handle it.

Vernon Cherry, Jr., Head-Liner Linotype Operator for Norfolk Newspapers, Inc., Norfolk, Virginia. Bro. Cherry attended the Virginia School for the Deaf where he got ink in his veins. Married to the former Clara Louise Hudgins, a graduate of the Clarke School, Brother Cherry is the proud pop of a 6-year-old daughter.

While our above mentioned visit to the Huntington Library and Art Gallery was a pleasant one on the whole, we were somewhat annoyed by officials of the institutions following us with entreaties to donate a picture of our elegant beard or at least a lock thereof to place among their treasures.



Ruth and Roger Skinner of Los Angeles, who were feted at a housewarming Jan. 20 at Los Angeles Club of the Deaf, by Mrs. Genevieve Baldwin and her committee. Ruth and Roger received \$202 from their friends and were presented with a beautiful maple tea wagon by the ladies of the committee.

## Ski Club Formed

To an advertised ski party, a cozy crowd gathered at Snow Valley, Manchester, Vermont, on February 11, 1956 to take in the merriment. From all angles, it was purely a social ski galore but rain spoiled the doings on the next day.

Through mutual consent, the group favored organizing themselves and the Eastern Ski Club of the Deaf came into being. Elected to administer the affairs were Philip Topfer of Albany, N.Y., president; Norman Glazer of New Haven, Conn., vice-president; Archie Shields of New York City, secretary; Frank Kearns of New York City, treasurer. The board of trustees is comprised of Joe Azar of New Haven, Conn., chairman; Ruth Tandy of Springfield, Mass., and Clarence Allmandinger of Washington, D.C.

The highlight of the ski party was the selection of Miss Ruth Tandy as "Miss Eastern Deaf Skier" because of her skiing experience and beauty. She was rewarded with a trophy.

The Club will also feature water skiing in the summer. Those who wish to join the Ski Club for social skiing on both snow and water should write to the secretary-elect, Archie Shields, 59-29 41st Avenue, Woodside 77, Long Island, N.Y.

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Double ring wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Karen Lynn Crabb, daughter of Mrs. Wayne F. Crabb of Pratt, Kansas, and George H. Ruby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Ruby, of Wichita, Dec. 18. The ceremony took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the First Christian Church in Pratt. The bride was attended by her sisters, Misses Nancy Crabb, maid of honor, and Judy, Laura, and Lee as bridesmaids. Richard Jennings of Wichita served as best man and guests were seated by Ronald Neufeld of Pratt and Billy Basham and Bob Jantz, both of Wichita. Assisting at the reception in the church parlor were Mesdames Harold Beale, Dale Miller, Tim Horst, and Miss Doris Heil. Mrs. Ruby is a graduate of the Kansas School for the Deaf and Mr. Ruby hails from Texas. The newlyweds are making their home in Wichita.

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at the Riverside school. Frank is an ardent fisherman and hunter, and the head of an antelope he once shot in Wyoming hangs on the wall at the East Bay Club.

Daniel Deay has moved out from El Paso, Texas, and is making his home with a cousin in South San Francisco while looking for a bakery job.

Al White of Richmond is believed to have the most unusual job of any of the deaf hereabouts. He has been employed as a salesman for Richmond Produce Co. for 41 years. Asked recently if he wanted to retire, he said he wanted to work two more years.

Clinton Moore, sign painter, had the misfortune to fall from a 7-foot scaffold and break his left leg. It was his first day on a new job in Oakland. A boy on a scooter hit the scaffold and caused Clinton to lose his balance. Some years ago while he was employed as a sign painter in Los Angeles he fell from a 25-foot scaffold and broke his right leg.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawkey on Sept. 27, a boy, John Edward III.

The Vasken Aghabalianas of Palo Alto are parents of a baby girl named Karen Edna, born on February 19.

A daughter, their first child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chism of San Jose, on March 15. She was named Becky Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Schoenberg of San Leandro, a boy, Stephen Mark, on March 23. Congratulations to all.

Ted Ruffa was recently hospitalized for surgery on his right shoulder, where an old injury had bothered him for some time.

It is now known that there are 28 deaf employed at the Milpitas Ford plant, while six are still in the Richmond plant. It is believed that Mrs. Huskey is the only deaf girl employed there since World War II, so she must be a good worker. Hats off to her!

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bell of Castro Valley were surprised by the unexpected furlough of their son, Bobby, from the U. S. Marines stationed at San Diego. He was home in time for the Easter holiday.

Clarence Robbins of San Jose was reported to be in serious condition from an automobile accident. His car struck a pole and was upset and badly wrecked. He is one of the Ford employees.

Arthur Doerfert of San Francisco was awarded a 22-year service honorary card from the Coast Envelope Company, where he is still employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Burgos sold their home in Castro Valley not long ago and have purchased a brand new one in El Cerrito, closer to his work at the Sherwin-Williams plant in Emeryville. Now that they are settled down, they are awaiting a new arrival. They have one son and one daughter.

Larry Silviera of San Lorenzo took his family up to LaPorte, where Harry Hauschildt and his mother have a cabin for snow sports, for the Easter weekend. Mrs. Silviera and one of her daughters had a few toboggan rides and decided to try a steeper hill. They hit some unseen bump that upset the toboggan and broke Mrs. Silviera's leg. With the aid of Henry Miller and Mr. Hauschildt, Larry drove her fifty miles to Marysville hospital. The doctor put three long silver screws in the ankle bone and she will be in a cast for two more months.

Mr. Paul Barnes of Denver, who had been having unsteady employment, decided to come to Oakland to look for work, and now operates a linotype for the *San Leandro News*. His wife and daughter are with him and they are staying with the Bert Lependorfs until they find a place to live.

On April 7 the Berkeley-Oakland Aux Frats had a monster whist and food sale. Mrs. Nora Rosson won the first prize in whist. Among those attending was Bro. Glidden of Alameda, who was president of the S. F. Division for many years. He is the oldest deaf employee of the Ford plant in Richmond but, due to five recent heart attacks, he is on leave until August. Then, at the age of 65, he will retire. Ronald Hirano sustained minor cuts on his head when he was thrown through the windshield of his car, driven by his brother, which hit the rear of another car when it stopped for traffic. The cuts required 18 stitches.

Julia Simms, of San Francisco and George Curry of Oakland, who became deaf during the war while he was in the army, were married in a double ring ceremony at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in S. F. on February 4. Father O'Brien of St. Joseph Center, Oakland, officiated. Mrs. Charlotte Lanier was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Jo Ann and Dolores Camp. Fay Lanier was best man. Fifty guests, all colored, some of them deaf, were present at a reception following the wedding at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Donna Goode, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Burnes, was married on March 31 to Lawrence Maatz, of Oakland, in a double ring ceremony at the home of the bride, attended only by members of the families. Following the wedding was a reception at which some 85 friends were present. The newlyweds are making their home in Oakland.

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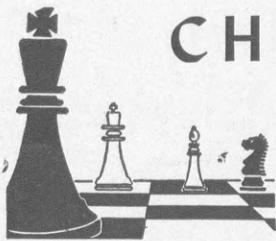
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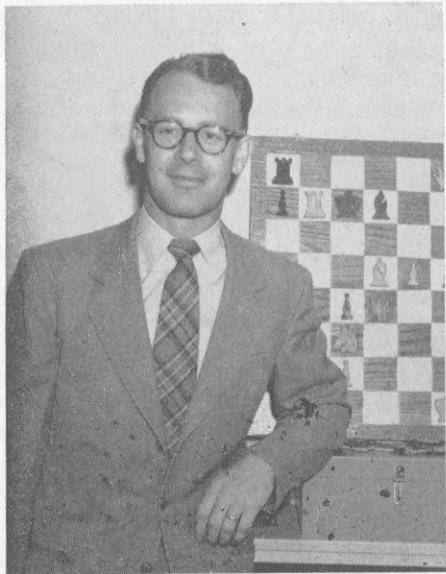
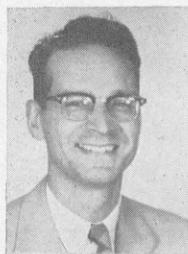
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# CHECKMATE!

By "Loco" Ladner



HAROLD RAMGER

Harold Ramger was a most happy young man last fall as his beloved Brooklyn Bums defeated the mighty Yankees to become baseball champions of the world. This column is supposed to be devoted to chess so we better get back on the track and tell you about this promising chess player who is getting better and better each year just like the Bums.

He was born in Queens, New York, less than thirty years ago. He attended the public schools there until he lost his hearing at seven from spinal meningitis. Thereafter his schooling took place at P.S. 47, Textile High School, the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and he was graduated in 1950 from Gallaudet College. He spent one year teaching at the Washington School for the Deaf and then took the position of academic teacher at the California School, specializing in Science. He is married to Catherine Marshall and the two team up to form a strong contract bridge partnership as well. Hal has built two houses, the first one being a duplex which he sold at a handsome profit. He has just completed a large two-story house and is busy during his spare time in finishing it up. He also dabbles in golf, photography, experimental laboratory work in science, and sundry other subjects.

He learned to play chess at thirteen but dropped the game until he had joined the faculty at the California

School, where he was forced to take up the game in self defense. The chess "bug" was running wild and he was not immune. In 1955 he won the B championship of the Berkeley Chess Club for the Deaf with a clean slate of 8 wins and no losses.

Since he is not in the habit of keeping scores of his games, some of his best games are lost to posterity. Here is one saved by Dr. Burnes, his opponent in the first B tournament sponsored by THE SILENT WORKER. Dr. Burnes graciously consented to its publication provided we inform the chess world that he won the other game.

## Sicilian Defense

*White:*

Harold Ramger

1. P—K4 P—QB4
2. N—KB2 N—QB3
3. N—B3 N—B3
4. P—QN3 P—Q3
5. B—N5 P—QR3
6. B—K2 P—KN3
7. P—Q4 PxP
8. NxP Q—N3
9. B—K3 B—N2
10. N—K6(a) Q—N5
11. NxN ch K—B1
12. B—Q2 KxN
13. B—B3 Q—Q5
14. O—O P—KR4
15. N—R4(b) B—N5
16. Q—K2(c) Q—K4
17. QR—Q1 QR—QB1(d)
18. P—B4 N—Q5!

*Black:*

Dr. B. B. Burnes

19. Q—Q3 P—R5?(e)
20. B—B3!
- Q—KN4(f)
21. BxN P—K4
22. B—K3 Q—R4
23. B—B1 P—R6
24. BxB NxN
25. QxRP QR—K1
26. RxP R—K3
27. RxR PxR
28. QxQ RxQ
29. P—R3 N—B3
30. N—B5 K—B2
31. R—K1 P—N3
32. N—Q3 N—Q2
33. R—Q1 R—R1
34. N—N4 R—Q1
35. N—B6 R—QR1
36. RxN ch Resigns(g)

Comments by the Chess Editor:

- (a) Taking advantage of the Black Queen's exposed position.
- (b) It is possible to try a trap here: 15. P—K5. If 15 . . . PxP; 16. BxN, followed by 17. B—R6 check, wins the Queen. However, the move 15 . . . QxP refutes the trap. Another try would be: 15. N—Q5, hoping for 15 . . . NxN; 16. PxN, followed by 17. B—R6 check.
- (c) 16. R—K1 seems more promising as 17. P—K5 could follow to spring the same trap mentioned above.
- (d) 17 . . . N—Q5 is preferable now while the opportunity is available.
- (e) The losing move. It leads to loss of a piece and the game as well. 19 . . . NxN check; 20. PxN, B—R6 would open a hole in the King-side and afford opportunity for attack.
- (f) A piece is lost even if 20 . . . NxN check as 21. PxN wins the Bishop.
- (g) After Black's weak 19th move, White followed up in sharp fashion to win the game.

## Handicap Tournament

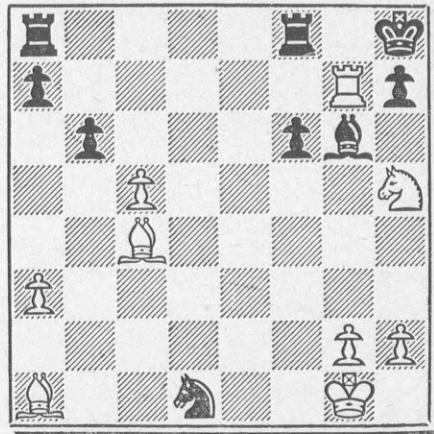
During the winter season several of the teachers at the California School spent their lunch hour playing in a tournament. The better player had to give his opponent a handicap in the way

of a pawn, a knight, a rook, or even a queen, depending on the gap between the two players. The first tournament was won by Art Willis, one of the two top seeded players. He split two games with the other top player, Emil Ladner, and won all his other games to finish with a 11-1 score. Ladner dropped a game to Hal Ramger to whom he gave a rook, and so took second with 10-2. Third went to Erwin Marshall, followed by Hal Ramger, Myron Leenhouts, B. B. Burnes, and LeRoy Noble. However, Ladner came back to win the second tournament with a clean score of 10-0. He enjoyed the privilege of an extra pawn against Willis and this was sufficient to win. The second game was played with no handicap and was won by Ladner, too. The standings of the other players cannot be determined now as they have not yet completed all their games.

It was amusing to see the strong players "sweat blood" as they strove to overcome handicaps of rooks, queens, and knights. To their credit there were very few upsets.

## Checkmate

BLACK — BAKER



WHITE — DENKER

White to move and checkmate in ? moves.

Solution: 1. R—N8 check, R x R; 2. B x P check, R—N2; 3, B x R checkmate.

Kasner and Newman estimate that the total possible moves in a game of chess is ten to the 50th power (ten to the fiftieth). This is a figure for which we have no name. Take the figure one and put fifty zeros after it. Then multiply ten by itself that many times. To write the answer would take 30,000,000-000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, -000,000,000,000, volumes of 200 pages each. All this space is needed merely to write down the numeral indicating all the different moves in a chess game. Cheer up, chess players have not yet used up all the moves.

# New York G.T.A.C. Tornadoes Little Rock in Finals, 91-90 To Take Crown of 12th Annual AAAD Meet in Cleveland

By George "Porgie" Elliott



(Editor's Note: Thanks are due George B. Elliott for covering this tournament. He did this while we were riding in our 1950 Pontiac on our way back home to Pasadena and Beverly Hills, Calif., from Cleveland, and finished it in a motel in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the wee small hours of 3:00 a.m.

George is no relation to Thomas W. Elliott of Los Angeles, Calif., as he was asked countless times while we were on the trip and at Cleveland. He is nicknamed "Porgie" and is well known among his many friends who were his schoolmates at Minnesota School for the Deaf and Gallaudet College.

George, by the way, is a linotype operator for The Los Angeles Times, where Thomas W. Elliott also is employed.)

WITH A DIFFICULT, left-handed toss from the left corner of the court as time ran out, plucky Quentin Amati of the New York Golden Tornadoes Athletic Club put the finishing touch on the Little Rock Association of the Deaf, 91-90, to take the 12th Annual A.A.A.D. championship in the Cleveland arena. There was perhaps half a second of stunned, unbelieving silence as the ball sailed beautifully through the hoop without even touching the rim, then with an immense roar, the entire New York section descended on the court and became a frenzied, yelling mob. Little Rock, unseeded at the start of the tourney, playing a difficult schedule with D.C.C.D. and Milwaukee, only to have victory snatched from their hands in those last few seconds, was heartbroken. It was the closest, most exciting championship game in the entire history of the A.A.A.D.

New York opened a sizeable lead early in the game through the efforts of Amati and Clifford Seifried, playing the hard-fast-breaking game they had demonstrated throughout the tourney in games against Los Angeles and Oakland. It took the Arkansas boys the whole of the first half to get their own combination rolling, and at half-time the scoreboard read: New York 44, Little Rock 30.

The second half, with the exception of the final 10 seconds, was all Little Rock's. The two Nutts, Clyde and Fay, with the matchless John Jackson, led a slow but relentless drive that never faltered, gradually overtaking the Golden Tornadoes despite Amati and the generalship of Carl Lorello. At the 28-second mark, they finally broke through, and the scoreboard read, Little Rock 90, New York 89. Carl Lorello called time-out, the ball was NY's in

mid-court as play resumed. Lorello passed to Amati, who fumbled the ball, dropped it, scooped it up, and let go through a forest of vainly-blocking arms . . . was it Fate that gave the ball its beautiful flight through the basket? It was an unbelievable shot, one that will be talked about for years to come, that gave the New York City club its first AAAD championship in 12 years of competition.

The semi-final game between Little Rock and Milwaukee was also a thriller, a clean, classic game between two great teams. John Jackson dumped in a shot from under the basket in the last 30 seconds to lead Little Rock to its second straight upset of the tourney in a really hot, evenly matched battle, 77-75. The Milwaukeeans, who had not lost an AAAD tournament game since 1953, took the defeat with their usual sportsman-like grace, and Coach Tony Perala personally congratulated each of the Arkansas boys on their performance. Half-time score was Little Rock 38, Milwaukee 31. Again, it was the Southwest champions' unbeatable Nutt Bros.-Jackson combine that stood out, with Jackson sinking 36 points, Clyde Nutt 28, and Fay Nutt 11. For the Beer City Boys, Hilary Heck led with 29, followed by Chester Janczak with 20.

In the other semi-final game, Hugo Guidi, 6'3" center, led the Golden Tornadoes to a hard-won victory over East Bay Club of the Deaf of Oakland, bucketing 34 points as the New Yorkers won, 85-77. Big Ed Ketchum led the northern Californians with 32. Oakland made a surprisingly strong showing against what proved to be the stellar team of the tourney, with the issue in doubt at least twice during the game.

Making up for lack of height with a wide-open running game, the Golden Tornadoes Athletic Club of New York City finally won the AAAD national basketball tournament, defeating the Little Rock Association of the Deaf, 91-90, before some 3,000 fans at the Cleveland Arena. Quentin Amati, a 5-foot 10-inch forward, who was named the most valuable player of the tourney after the game, climaxed the New York effort with a 10-foot impossible jump shot at the final gun to give the Tornadoes their first crown in 12 years of national play. He also led New York's devastating fast break when he connected for 14 field goals and seven free throws for 35 points. Representing the 1956 AAAD national championship club are, left to right, sitting: Ralph Perrone, Quentin Amati, Hugo Guidi, Clifford Seifried, Thomas Lorello. Standing: Ralph Epstein (Coach), Everett Trochelman, Carl Lorello, Oscar Perez, Sol Bakola (Manager).

All photos taken by Richard D. Revelt.



when the westerners came within a few points of overtaking the champions. Half-time score was New York 42, Oakland 33.

The battle for 3rd place between Milwaukee and Oakland Saturday afternoon proved an anti-climax, with Milwaukee winning, 120 to 94, as the tired defense of both teams crumbled in the final ten minutes. Chester Janczak led the Central boys with 40 points, followed by Philip Plocar with 34. For the losers, Ketchum bucketed 26 points to support Franklin Chism's 28. After a slight lead during the opening minutes, Oakland fell behind and Milwaukee relentlessly widened the gap as the game progressed. Half-time saw the Milwaukeeans ahead, 53-43.

In the fifth-place consolation finals, a game but outclassed Los Angeles could not repeat their jinx over Washington D.C.C.D. Club and lost, 75-82, as the Capital City boys racked up their first win over the Angelenos in five encounters. Mark Wait with 21 assisted John Miller's 22 to cop the victory as Henry Garcia with 20 and Elliott Fromberg with 18 led the losers. Twice rebuilt during the season, and a very youthful aggregation as compared with former years, only veteran Angel Acuna remained of Coach Lou Dyer's starting fives that played so colorfully during the early days of the AAAD.

The consolation round semi-finals pitted host Cleveland Association of the Deaf against Washington, while Los Angeles met Council Bluffs. It was Dick Caswell's 22 points coupled with Mark Wait's 19 that spelled doom for the Clevelanders, 86-69, as Bill Kuhel with 39 and Jerry Cohen with 15 vainly sought to turn the tide. Half-time saw Washington already ahead by 10 points, 37-27. Los Angeles came back from their opening round defeat to nip Council Bluffs, 84-78, when Angel Acuna came to life in the second half to score 20 points, while Bob Patzner scored 22 for the losing Midwesterners.

In the opening round of the tourney Thursday night at Shaw High School Field House, the two top-seeded regional champions, Milwaukee and New York City Golden Tornadoes, quickly emerged as favorites among the fans, Milwaukee but its 82-72 defeat of a hard-fighting Cleveland Association of the Deaf team, and New York by its slaughter of Los Angeles, 103-68. Little Rock upset Washington's DCCD team, 76-71, in a close battle during which the towering Jackson of Little Rock scored 39 points. It was in this game that little 5' 9" forward of Washington, Dick Caswell, scored 37 points and gained recognition as one of the outstanding players of the tournament.

So much for the games, which were among the most thrilling in the entire



**RUNNER-UP**—Little Rock Association of the Deaf, unseeded, reached the finals by defeating Washington DCCD, 76-71, and upsetting Milwaukee's defending champions, 77-75. Kneeling, left to right: Emmett Jones, Bob Barlow, Charles Wilson, John Farrar. Standing: Howard Poe, Jodie Passmore, John L. Jackson, Leon Laster, Maxwell Mercer (Coach), Clyde Nutt, Fay Nutt, Luther C. Shibley (Manager).

history of the A.A.A.D., according to no less an authority than Art Kruger. These were the official games; however, there was one unofficial game played during the opening round, in which Council Bluffs Silent Club forfeited its opener to Oakland due to insufficient players on the floor at the time scheduled for the game to start. Inasmuch as both teams were suited up and the fans were expecting to see four games, the teams consented to play a game for exhibition purposes only, which Council Bluffs won, 97-90. The question, however, will always remain that if the East Bay Club had been playing in earnest, instead of just for exhibition purposes, they might have won.

Immediately after the final game, the All-Star selection board handed in their ballots to chairman Art Kruger, with results of the voting as follows:

#### All-Tourney First Team:

- John L. Jackson of Little Rock
- Clyde Nutt of Little Rock
- Carl Lorello of New York
- Quentin Amati of New York
- Hilary Heck of Milwaukee.

#### All-Tourney Second Team:

- Dick Caswell of Washington
- Ed Ketchum of Oakland
- Hugo Guidi of New York
- Chester Janczak of Milwaukee
- Bill Kuhel of Cleveland.

The Most Valuable Player trophy went to Quentin Amati of NYC Golden Tornadoes, whose coach, Ralph Epstein, also copped the Coach of the Tourney Award.

Trophies, among the best in recent national tournaments, were donated by the following organizations: first place, Cleveland Association of the Deaf; second place, Cleveland Div. No. 21, N.F.S.D.; third place, Cleveland He-

brew Association of the Deaf; fourth place, Cleveland Deaf Center of St. Columbkille's; fifth place, Cleveland Aux-Frat Div. No. 132; sixth place, Ohio Deaf Motorists Association (Cleveland); seventh place, Cleveland 34th Degree Frats; eighth place, Herman S. Cahen; 10 individual championship team trophies, Favorite Knits Sporting Goods; 10 All-Tourney Trophies, World Publishing Co.; Most Valuable Player trophy, Cleveland host team; Coach of Tourney award, Cleveland AAAD Committee. Incidentally, it was the second time in AAAD history that an individual has contributed a major trophy to a national tournament when Herman S. Cahen donated the eighth place trophy, following in the footsteps of Luther Harris of Long Beach, who donated an award at the 1955 Los Angeles Nationals.

On the other side of the picture, the Cleveland Committee provided a good program of entertainment, beginning with a social and get-acquainted gathering in the Carter Hotel, tournament headquarters.

Thursday, the fans enjoyed a tour of the World Publishing Company in Cleveland, one of the major book publishers in the United States, with branches in Great Britain, Amsterdam, and other European cities as well as in Canada, Latin America and the Far East. They also are one of the largest publishers of the Bible. The tour was followed by movies of the International Games for the Deaf and other sporting events of the deaf held in the United States. Copies of Webster's New World Dictionary, printed at this firm, bound in calf-finish sorrel brown leather over beveled boards, stamped in gold with gold edges were presented by the Cleveland Local Committee to the AAAD of



**ALL-TOURNEY TEAMS.** Standing are players picked on first team, left to right: Quentin Amati of New York, Clyde Nutt of Little Rock, John L. Jackson of Little Rock, Carl Lorelo of New York, Hilary Heck of Milwaukee. Kneeling are players chosen on second team: William Kuhel of Cleveland, Richard Caswell of Washington, Hugo Guidi of New York, Edward Ketchum of Oakland, Chester Janczak of Milwaukee.

ficers Thomas W. Elliott, Charles E. Whisman, and Alexander Fleischman, as well as to AAAD Publicity Director George B. Elliott and AAAD Founder Art Kruger.

Friday afternoon something new in AAAD entertainment history was staged with the holding of a Hall of Fame luncheon in the main banquet room of the Carter Hotel, which was attended by over 500 guests. Only two of the roster on the Hall of Fame could make it: S. Robey Burns and Art Kruger. Nevertheless, Chairman Leonard Warshawsky of the Hall of Fame Committee read the names of each person who has been honored thus far, and explained in what way the honor had been achieved, and ended by inviting honorees Burns and Kruger to give a few remarks. Burns told of several amusing incidents during his early coaching days; and Kruger gave a short speech, which we will explain later in this story.

Saturday night, the final game was held in the Cleveland Arena with a 14,000 seating capacity, and the deaf fans, 3,000 of them, filled almost one entire side of the building. After the unforgettable final game, there was a two-hour floor show featuring professional comics, a contortionist, and a magician, among others, followed by dancing till the early morning hours. The Cleveland committee took special pains to select only those professional acts that would appeal to the average deaf fan, and from all reports, they succeeded to an extraordinary degree.

Deserving a big hand for the success of the tournament and especially smooth "way" everything went is the capable committee headed by Duke

Connell, general chairman of the tournament, ably assisted by Dick Petkovich, assistant chairman; Ross Miller, treasurer; Orville Johnson, hotels and reservations; Abe Saslaw, trophies; Nancy Connell, souvenir program book; Sarah Miller, information; Nick Wolansky, tournament floor manager; Carmen Travarca, Herman S. Cahen and Michael Voytovich, funds; John R. Fallon, and Alfred Clauss, tickets; Charles W. Burney, Jr., and Alan Krieger, publicity.

Not only did they prove their ability by raising a reserve fund of \$6700 prior to the beginning of the tournament; not only did they demonstrate a knack for organization in the smooth way things ran, but also they showed that Cleveland hospitality is more than just a legend; it is the real thing! Throughout the entire four days of the great AAAD event, members of the committee were here, there, and everywhere assuring themselves that everyone was having not only a good time, but the best, the grandest time it was in their power to bestow.

Well done, Cleveland!

The business side of the tournament was transacted in meetings of the Executive Committee of the AAAD Wednesday night and general meetings of the delegates Thursday and Friday mornings. The meetings grew hot at times, due to arguments, but the delegates confined what rancor there might have been to the business sessions, and differences were forgotten outside the meetings. Officers for the coming year are as follows: Charles E. Whisman of Indianapolis, president; Thomas W. Elliott of Los Angeles, vice-president; Alexander Fleischman of Silver Spring,

Md., re-elected secretary-treasurer. Hall of Fame Chairman Leonard Warshawsky of Chicago, S. Robey Burns, International Games Chairman and C. I. S. S. representative, also of Chicago, and Publicity Director George B. Elliott of Los Angeles were also re-elected for another term.

AAAD records broken during the tournament, ten in number, were as follows:

#### Championship Flight

One Team Points: New record, 103, set by GTAC, breaking the old record of 98 points; Both Team Points: New record, 181, set by GTAC-Little Rock; old record 159 points; Individual field goals, new record set by Dick Caswell of DCCD Club, 17, and Individual Foul Goals, new record established by Carl Lorello of GTAC, 17; old record, 16.

#### Consolation Flight

One Team Points, new record set by Milwaukee Silent Club, 120, over the old record of 102; Both Team Points, new record set by Milwaukee-Oakland 214, breaking old record of 202; One Team Foul Goals, new record 32, set by Council Bluffs, breaking old mark of 29; Individual Foul Goals, new record 15, set by Bill Kuhel of Cleveland, over the old listing of 13.

#### Three Game Records

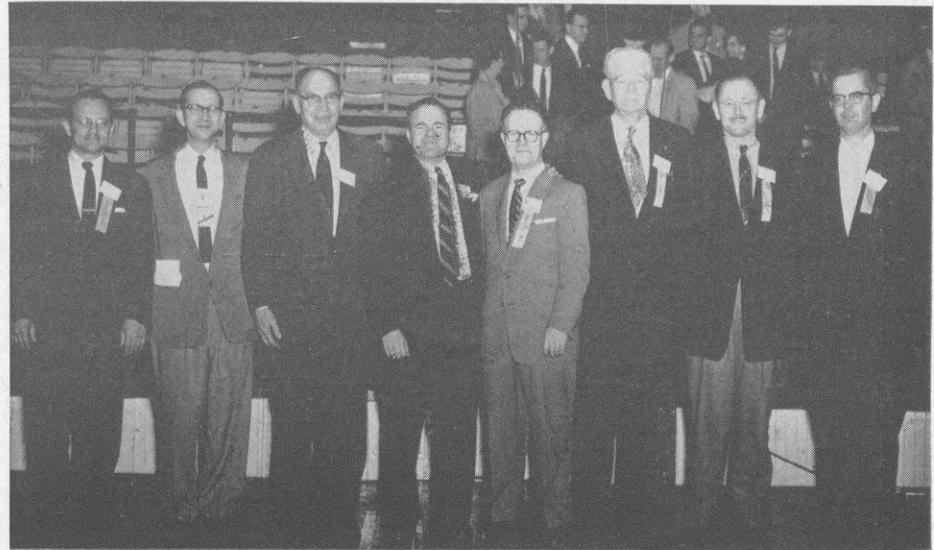
One Team Total Points, new mark set by GTAC, 279, breaking old record of 246; Individual Total Foul Goals, John L. Jackson of Little Rock, new record 30 over the old mark of 27, made by himself at Los Angeles last year.

Well, that's all . . . Cleveland's 12th National American Athletic Association of the Deaf Basketball Tournament has passed on into the limbo of history, to join the great tournaments of the past. Still, two things that happened at Cleveland will remain bright in memory for years to come, after all else is forgotten: Amati's immortal shot that won the championship for New York's GTAC, and Art Kruger's short and simple speech before the Hall of Fame luncheon dinner:

"I am really happy to be here in Ohio again because I have always loved Ohio. I have always loved Ohio because Ohio is the birthplace of the AAAD. I have always loved Ohio because people in Akron and Cleveland were so nice to me during my stay in Ohio during World War II. I have always loved Ohio because people in Akron did not think I was crazy when I planned for the first AAAD National Basketball Tournament in Akron on April 14, 1945. If it was not for that tournament we would not be here this year. And I love you all because you all have done your part to keep the AAAD going on for twelve years and I do believe you all will see to it that the AAAD will live forever."

## TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Cleveland Nationals marked the first time in recent history that all past presidents of the AAAD attended at one time . . . lining up for their picture were Art Kruger, James C. Ellerhorst, S. Robey Burns, Leonard Warshawsky, Hugh Susack, Troy Hill, and Thomas W. Elliott, in addition to the new president-elect, Charles E. Whisman. . . . Three new stars joined the galaxy of AAAD great players, Dick Caswell of Washington, Bill Kuhel of Cleveland, and Quentin Amati of the Golden Tornadoes . . . unofficial entertainment chairman of the four-day event was Jerry Jordan of Washington, D. C., who had a party going on continuously in room 420 for three straight days . . . this was in addition to other parties in room 433 (Duke Connell) 520 (Tom Elliott) and 820 (Dudley Cutshaw) . . . the warm hospitality of the Cleveland Committee was really superb . . . the Duke (Richard Connell) is only 33, his lovely wife, Nancy, 21 . . . a big assist to the Committee was a group of nine beautiful girls called the CADettes, which included Dulcie Burney, Joyce Pecek, Gladys Cassidy, June Petterson, LaVerne Petkovich, Lenna Clauss, Jo Lipuma, Fran Insana, and Nancy Connell. . . they served as hostesses, sold program books and raffle tickets, and served as information centers for the out-of-towners . . . their uniforms were distinctive black smocks with the word "Cadettes" embroidered in red across the front . . . poor Quentin Amati barely escaped with his life (and his pants) after his final shot Saturday night when an uncontrollable mob of New Yorkers descended on the gym floor as soon as the final gun went off. . . Victor Galloway of Atlanta, chairman of the coming 1959 fracas, put on the dog and acted the plutocrat, passing out \$500 bills among the fans . . . the only trouble



The Cleveland nationals marked the first time in history that all past presidents of the AAAD attended at one time. Lining up for this photo are, left to right: Art Kruger of Beverly Hills, Calif. (1946-47); James C. Ellerhorst of Dearborn, Mich. (1948); S. Robey Burns of Chicago, Ill. (1949-50); Leonard Warshawsky of Chicago, Ill. (1951-52); Hugh J. Cusack of Philadelphia, Pa. (1953-54); Troy Hill of Dallas, Tex. (1955); Thomas W. Elliott of Los Angeles, Calif. (1956), and newly-elected president Charles E. Whisman of Indianapolis, Ind.

was the bills were Confederate . . . John Tubergen of Chicago, chairman of the 1958 affair, passed out personal invitations to everyone to visit Chicago at that time . . . next year's New York tourney is all set, with plans for a parade down Broadway, presentation of the keys of the city to all regional champions . . . and the Pelicans committee headed by Walter Schulman wishes to assure everyone that plans are nearly complete at this time and he is looking forward to greeting every one of you next year. . . Motor City Association of the Deaf of Detroit shows energy and promise in coping the 1960 tourney bid . . . little Hammond Club of the Deaf, through its delegate Smiley bravely entered the bidding against MCAD and Detroit Association of the Deaf for 1960 honors . . . Los Angeles'

Hazel Drov attracted a host of admirers during the tourney, but seems to have turned them all away . . . for the seventh straight year Dallas' Troy Hill picked the winner of the tournament even before the festivities began . . . the Golden Tornadoes were a raw bunch of youngsters in the 1952 Houston fracas, and only a little older at the KC meet . . . the 1956 champions were a far different bunch of business-like, fast-breaking veterans . . . with the additions of Amati, Oscar Perez and Ralph Perrone, they proved an unbeatable combination, having won 21 straight games against deaf teams . . . it was interesting to watch youthful coach Ralph Epstein handle this hurly-burly bunch . . . his slightest word was a command to them . . . the 1957 NYC nationals hold more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as the 1957 championship team will represent the USA in the Rome International Games, for which 16 countries have already entered basketball teams . . . the IG, in case you aren't familiar, will be held in Rome, Italy, the last week of August, 1957 . . . we'll see you in New York in 1957. . .



Deserving a big hand for the success of the tournament and the especially smooth way everything went is this capable tournament committee of the Cleveland Association of the Deaf. Sitting, left to right: Orville Johnson (hotel reservations), Ross Miller (treasurer), Sarah Miller (information), Duke Connell (general chairman), Nancy Connell (program book), Dick Petkovich (assistant chairman), Herman Cohen (funds). Standing: Michael Voytovich (funds), Alfred Clauss (tickets), John R. Fallon (tickets), Abe Saslaw (trophies), Charles W. Burney (publicity), Alan Krieger (publicity), Carmen Travarca (funds), Nick Wolansky (tournament floor manager).

# AAAD Tournament Box Scores

## First Round Games

	G	FT	TP	Cleveland	G	FT	TP
Milwaukee	8	3	19	Kuhel	13	3	29
Heck	13	3	29	Case	3	0	6
Janczak	4	2	10	Cohen	10	0	20
Plocar	5	0	10	Kronick	4	2	10
Goetz	0	2	2	Bianconi	2	1	5
Thompson	3	2	8	Iammarino	1	0	2
Meagher	2	0	4	Watts	0	0	0
Leonard	0	0	0	Sinonis	0	0	0
Dott	0	0	0	Borkowski	0	0	0
Reinick	0	0	0	Ward	0	0	0
Fink	—	—	—	Totals	35	12	82
	Totals	35	12	Totals	33	6	72

Halftime: Milwaukee, 49-30.

	G	FT	TP	Washington	G	FT	TP
Little Rock	6	6	18	Caswell	17	3	37
C. Nutt	3	2	8	Christian	1	2	4
F. Nutt	13	13	39	Copeland	1	1	3
Jackson	4	0	8	Miller	5	4	14
Passmore	0	3	3	Moers	0	0	0
Poe	0	0	0	Stedrak	1	3	5
Mercer	0	0	0	Wait	2	2	6
Farrar	0	0	0	Totals	26	24	76
Barlow	0	0	0	Totals	27	17	71

Halftime: Washington, 30-27.

	G	FT	TP	Los Angeles	G	FT	TP
New York	11	10	32	Acuna	7	2	16
Amati	3	4	10	Tyhurst	6	0	12
Seifried	9	17	35	Garcia	0	5	5
C. Lorello	0	0	0	Greenstone	3	1	7
Trochelman	7	0	14	Guidi	3	0	6
Wait	2	0	4	Lorello	2	1	5
Perrone	1	0	2	Kronick	0	5	5
Perez	3	0	6	Bianconi	4	4	12
Totals	36	31	103	Moers	0	0	0
	Totals	25	18	Totals	25	18	68

Halftime: New York, 44-30.

## Consolation Semi-Final Games

	G	FT	TP	Cleveland	G	FT	TP
Washington	8	6	22	Kuhel	12	15	39
Caswell	1	1	3	Case	2	2	6
Miller	5	3	13	Cohen	6	3	15
Christian	4	2	10	Bianconi	3	0	6
Copeland	1	2	4	Patzner	0	0	0
Scott	8	3	19	Borowski	1	0	2
Wait	4	3	11	Sinonis	0	1	1
Moers	0	4	4	Iammarino	0	0	0
Stedrak	—	—	—	Totals	31	24	86
	Totals	24	21	Totals	24	21	69

Halftime: Washington, 37-27.

	G	FT	TP	Coun. Bluffs	G	FT	TP
Los Angeles	9	2	20	Strunk	2	2	6
Tyhurst	6	0	12	Matzen	4	3	11
Garcia	5	2	12	Irwin	6	2	14
Greenstone	3	3	9	Patzner	7	8	22
Fromberg	5	3	13	Palmer	2	0	4
Nurenberger	0	1	1	Derby	0	3	3
Brandt	1	2	4	Swain	0	0	0
Trickey	5	2	12	Wernimont	2	12	16
Beaubein	0	1	1	Totals	23	30	76
Totals	34	16	84	Totals	35	5	75

Halftime: Los Angeles, 42-40.

## Championship Semi-Final Games

	G	FT	TP	Milwaukee	G	FT	TP
Little Rock	11	6	28	Heck	13	3	29
C. Nutt	4	3	11	Janczyk	10	0	20
F. Nutt	12	12	36	Plocar	6	2	14
Jackson	1	0	2	Goetz	1	0	2
Passmore	0	0	0	Meagher	4	0	8
Mercer	0	0	0	Thompson	1	0	2
Poe	—	—	—	Reinick	0	0	0
Totals	28	21	77	Totals	35	5	75

Halftime: Little Rock, 38-31.

	G	FT	TP	Oakland	G	FT	TP
New York	4	0	8	Chism	5	0	10
Amati	0	0	0	Trochelman	0	0	0
Seifried	4	5	13	Seifried	10	7	27
C. Lorello	16	2	34	Guidi	16	2	34
Wait	0	0	0	T. Lorello	0	0	0
Perrone	1	0	1	Perrone	0	1	1
Perez	1	0	2	Perez	1	0	2
	Totals	35	15	Totals	35	7	76

Halftime: New York, 42-33.

## Consolation Finals (5th Place)

	G	FT	TP	Los Angeles	G	FT	TP
Washington	5	8	18	Acuna	6	2	14
Miller	7	8	22	Tyhurst	4	3	11
Christian	1	2	4	Garcia	6	8	20
Wait	10	1	21	Greenstone	0	4	4
Copeland	2	4	8	Fromberg	6	6	18
Stedrak	1	2	4	Hersdett	0	0	0
Stecker	0	0	0	Nurenberger	1	0	2
Moers	1	3	5	Brandt	0	0	0
Totals	27	28	82	Trickey	2	2	6
	Totals	25	25	Totals	25	25	75

Halftime: Washington, 54-40.

## Third Place Game

	G	FT	TP	Oakland	G	FT	TP
Milwaukee	11	10	32	Chism	10	8	28
Heck	17	6	40	Lane	2	0	4
Janczak	12	10	34	Wong	0	0	0
Plocar	0	0	0	McCune	2	4	8
Goetz	4	0	8	Ramponi	4	1	9
Meagher	0	0	0	Ketchum	12	2	26
Thompson	1	2	4	Bronder	6	4	16
Reinick	1	0	2	Turner	0	3	3
Fink	—	—	—	Totals	36	22	94

Halftime: Milwaukee, 53-43.

## Championship Finals

	G	FT	TP	Little Rock	G	FT	TP
New York	14	7	35	C. Nutt	13	5	31
Amati	6	5	17	F. Nutt	12	4	28
C. Lorello	5	4	14	Jackson	9	5	23
Seifried	7	3	17	Passmore	2	0	4
Wait	3	0	6	Mercer	1	0	2
Perrone	0	2	2	Poe	1	0	2
Perez	0	0	0	Totals	38	14	90
	Totals	35	21	Totals	35	21	91

Halftime: New York, 55-42.

## Leading Scorers in Three Games

John L. Jackson, Little Rock.....	98
Ed Ketchum, Oakland.....	97
Chester Janczak, Milwaukee.....	88
Carl Lorello, New York.....	79
Clyde Nutt, Little Rock.....	77
Dick Caswell, Washington.....	77
Quentin Amati, New York.....	75
Hilary Heck, Milwaukee.....	70
Hugo Guidi, New York.....	65

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June 7-9, 1956 — Florida Association of Deaf Convention	Pensacola, Florida
June 9, 1956 — LAD — NAD RALLY NIGHT	New Orleans, Louisiana
June 9-10, 1956 — Alumni Assoc. Maryland Sch. for Deaf Conv.	Baltimore, Md.
June 12-14, 1956 — NAD State Representatives Meeting	Fulton, Missouri
June 16, 1956 — St. Louis Rally Night	St. Louis, Missouri
June 22-24, 1956 — Alumni Assoc. of Ohio School for the Deaf	Columbus, Ohio
June 18-22, 1956 — Alexander Graham Bell Assn. for Deaf	Los Angeles, Calif.
June 23, 1956 — Illinois Alumni Reunion	Jacksonville, Illinois
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July 4-7, 1956 — Mississippi Assoc. of Deaf Conv.	Jackson, Mississippi
July 4-7, 1956 — Iowa Assoc. of Deaf Convention	Ottumwa, Iowa
July 4-8, 1956 — Hebrew Assoc. of Deaf Conv.	New York City, N. Y.
July 4-8, 1956 — North Dakota Assoc. of Deaf	Bismarck, North Dakota
July 5-7, 1956 — Virginia Association of Deaf Convention	
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July 15-21, 1956 — International Catholic Deaf Assoc. Conv.	Milwaukee, Wis.
July 19-22, 1956 — North Carolina Assn. of the Deaf	Charlotte, N. C.
August 1-5, 1956 — Michigan Assoc. of Deaf Convention	Detroit, Michigan
August 17-19, 1956 — Pennsylvania Soc. for Adv. of Deaf Conv.	Harrisburg, Pa.
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